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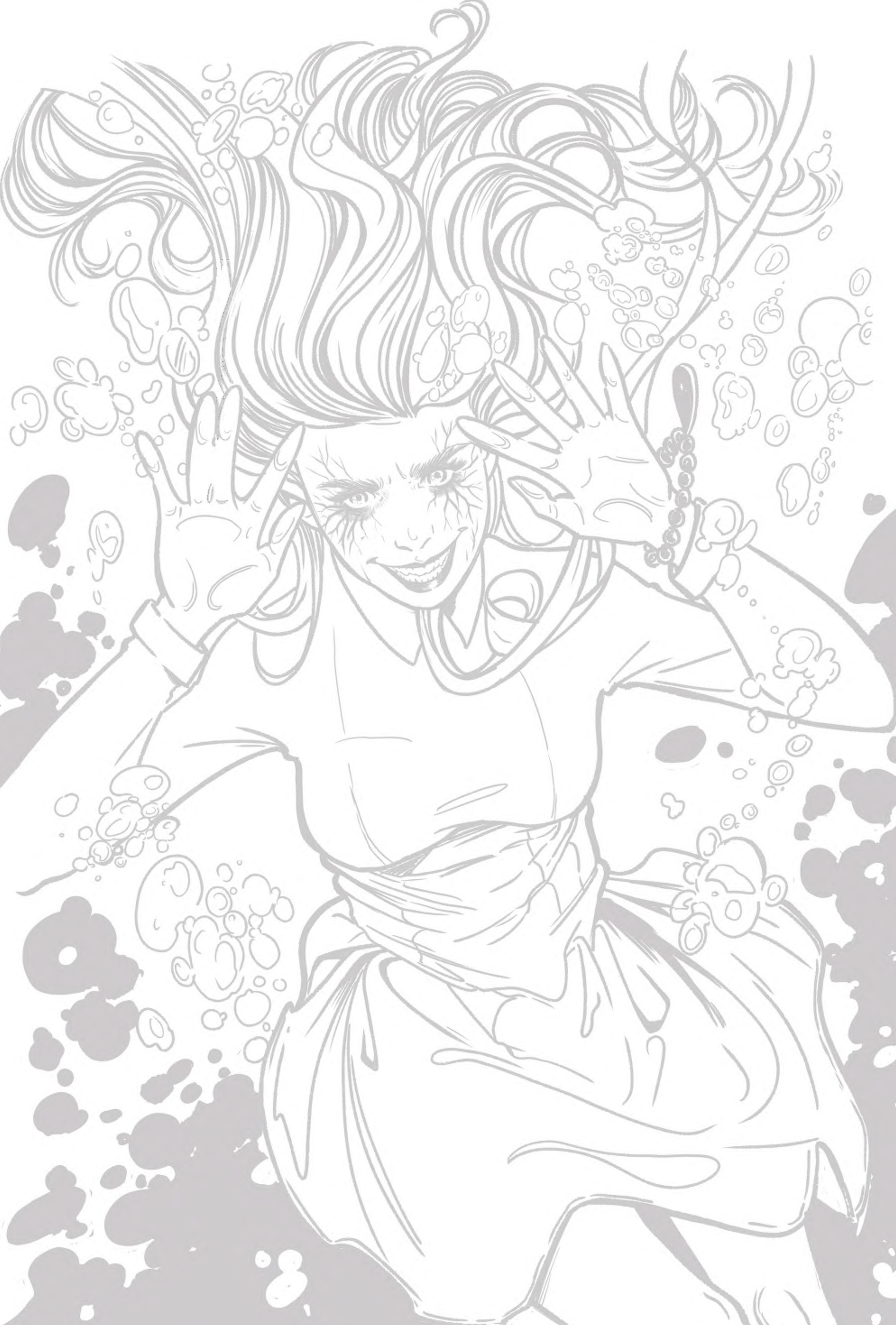

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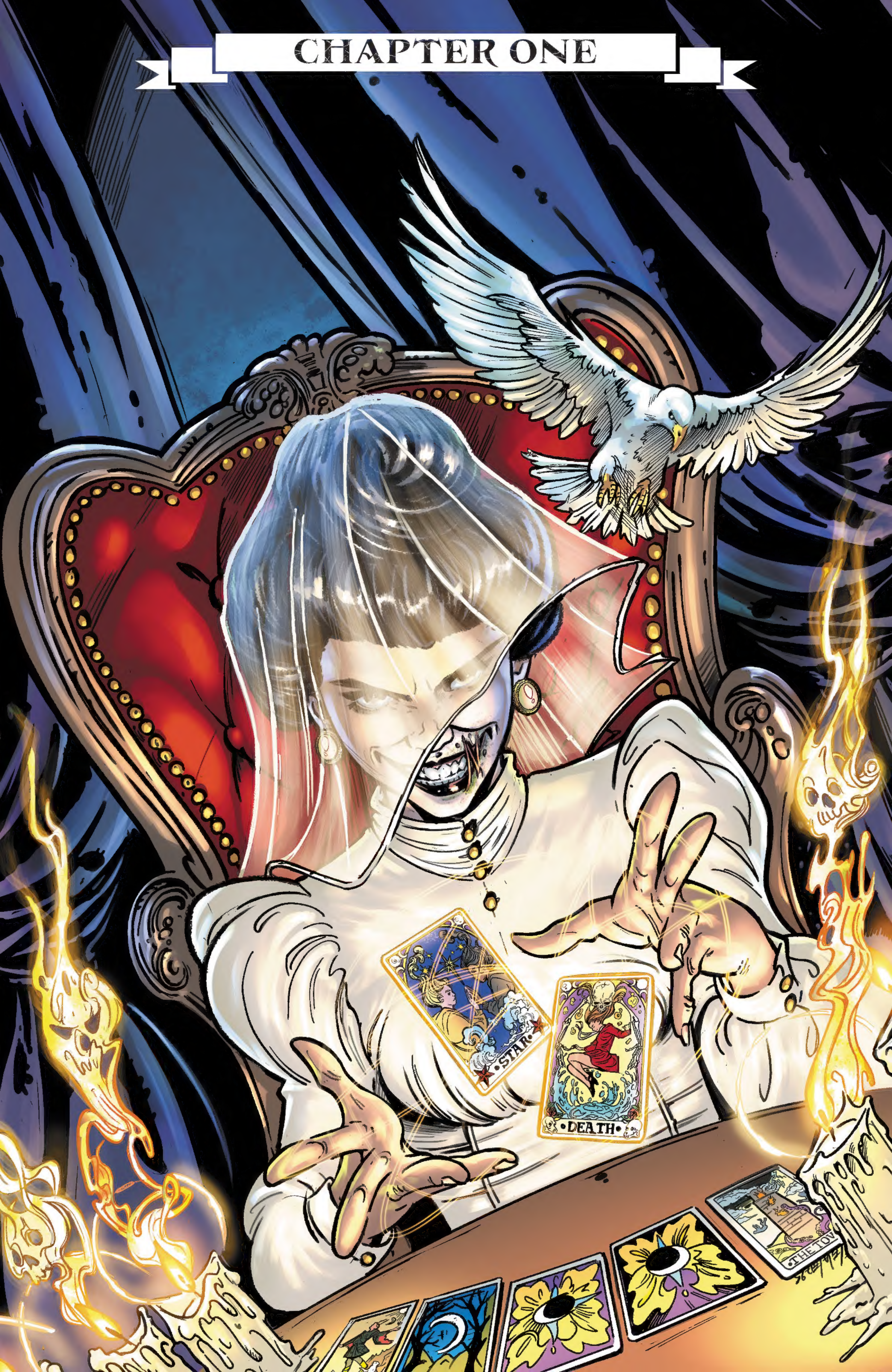


FRIENDSHIP.

It doesn't happen all at once.

It's a CULMINATION of a bunch of little MOMENTS that bring you CLOSER TOGETHER.

MOMENTS that allow you to TRUST one another.

To RELY on each other.

SOPHIE, I THINK YOUR MOM'S HERE TO PICK US UP.

OH, COME ON, VIOLET, YOU WEREN'T *SCARED* AT *ALL*?

IT WAS A *RUSH!* WE GOTTA DO THAT AGAIN.

But sometimes a SINGLE MOMENT defines a FRIENDSHIP.

It makes it STRONGER than you could ever imagine.

...I'M FINE, SOPHIE...

MOM... ARE YOU OKAY?

BEEEEEEEP

...DON'T WORRY...

KRRR

KSHH

VIOLET...?

SUH-SOPHIE?

VIOLET!

MOM-- VIOLET'S HURT BAD!

"MOM?"

There are some friends you're BONDED to FOREVER.

Violet was ALWAYS that for ME.

Through LIFE... and DEATH.

WE *DID* IT, SOPH. WE'RE FINALLY *HERE!*

AND WE GET TO DO IT *TOGETHER.*

COLLEGE IS GONNA BE AMAZING.

SO...I HEARD THROUGH THE *VERY GOSSIPY* GRAPES ON THE GRAPEVINE THAT TONIGHT MAY BE MY LAST NIGHT OF *PLEDGING!*

Dirty Dancing

CONGRATS, VI. I'M REALLY HAPPY FOR YOU.

DARE

5:00

BEAUTIFUL SOUL

The Future IS YOURS!

DON'T SOUND *TOO* EXCITED.

I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF A PSYCH PAPER, BUT GO... HAVE *FUN*.

SOPH...WE TALKED ABOUT THIS. I WANTED YOU TO RUSH WITH ME. I PRACTICALLY BEGGED YOU. IF THE ROLES WERE *REVERSED*, I'D SUPPORT *YOU*.

D.A.R.E.

I WOULD *NEVER* JOIN A SORORITY, SO THAT, MY FRIEND, IS *IRRELEVANT*.

BUT WHY NOT? I MEAN, MAYBE I CAN STILL TALK TO THEM, SEE IF THEY'D BE OPEN TO HAVING YOU PLEDGE LATE OR SOMETHING.

I NEED YOU THERE WITH ME.

IMAGINE ALL THE *PARTIES* WE'D BE *HOSTING* INSTEAD OF SITTING AT HOME IN OUR *PJs*.

WE'RE NOT KIDS ANYMORE. THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO *REDEFINE* OURSELVES. ISN'T THAT WHAT COLLEGE IS ALL ABOUT?

COLLEGE IS ABOUT GETTING AN *EDUCATION* IN SOMETHING YOU'RE *PASSIONATE* ABOUT.

FIRST OF ALL, I HATE PARTIES.

SECOND, YOU CLEARLY DON'T NEED ME. YOU'VE BARELY BEEN HOME SINCE THIS ALL STARTED.

BUT I GUESS YOU WOULDN'T KNOW THAT. YOU CAN'T EVEN PICK A *MAJOR*.

YOU-- YOU KNOW HOW *HARD* THAT'S BEEN FOR ME.

I'M GONNA GO. BUT YOU ENJOY YOUR NIGHT.

!!

The Future is YOURS! ♡

BEAUTIFUL SOUL

VI, WAIT.

I'LL BE AT YOUR FIRST *PARTY.*

I KNOW...

BUT AT LEAST *THINK* ABOUT JOINING. I'M SURE I COULD GET YOU IN.

THE SISTERS *LOVE* ME.

ΣΙΝ

PATHETIC.

YOU THINK YOU *DESERVE* TO BE PART OF THIS *ELITE FAMILY?*

PROVE IT.

FOR *EACH* OF YOUR *MAJORS*, WE'VE PLACED A *BOTTLE* OF ALCOHOL AT THE BOTTOM OF THE *POOL*. GO IN, GRAB IT. SWIM UP, *DRINK IT.*

AND THAT'S IT. *SIMPLE.*

WE'VE BEEN *DRINKING* ALL NIGHT. IF WE DON'T STOP SOON, THE ONLY THING I'M GONNA DO IN THAT POOL IS *HURL.*

IT'LL BE *WORTH IT* ONCE WE'RE *SISTERS.*

YOU TWO HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO *SHARE?*

SORRY, *PRESIDENT* KARMA--IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN.

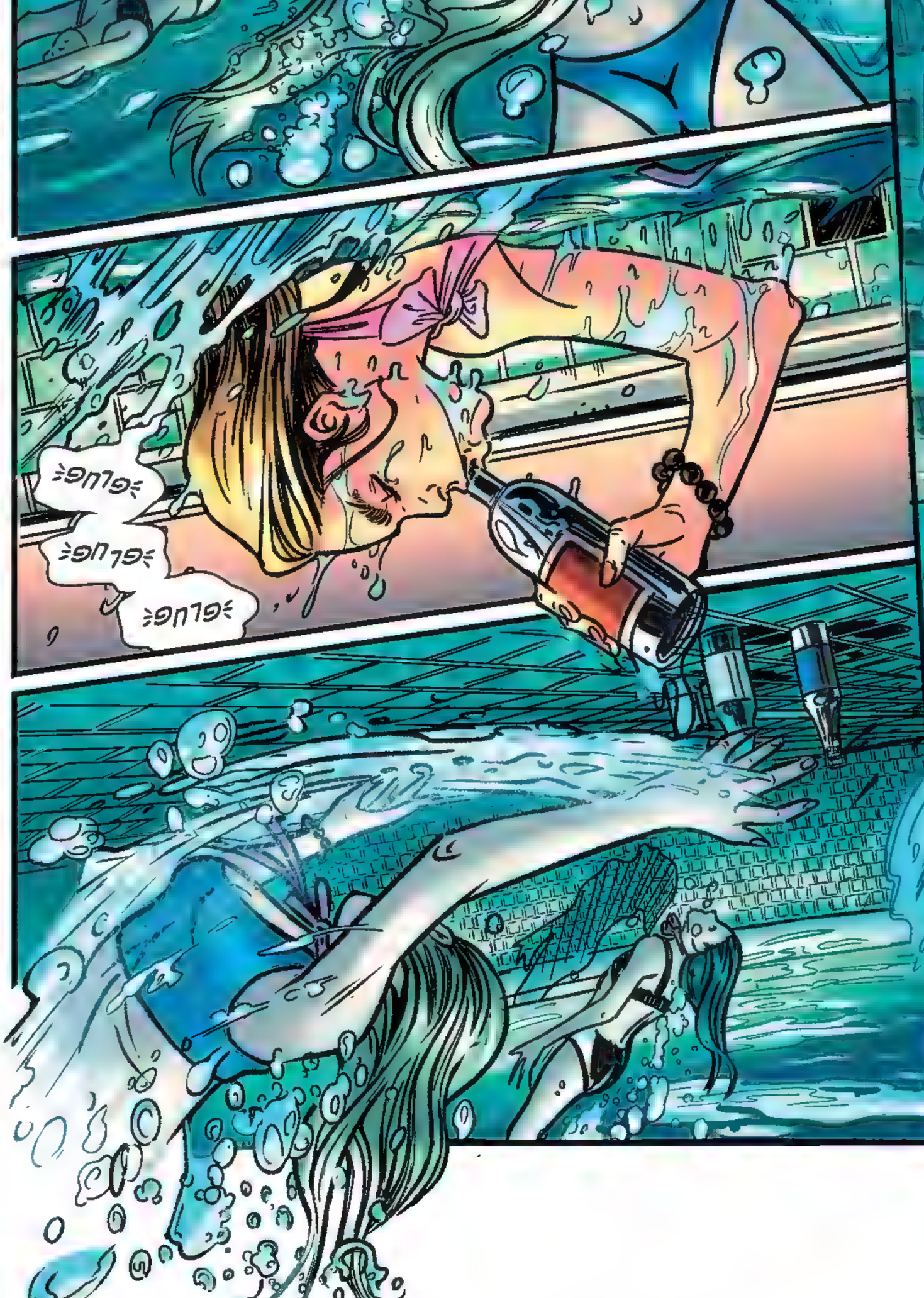
WELL, HOW ABOUT YOU DON'T SAY *ANYTHING,* CONSIDERING YOUR *SUPERIOR* IS TALKING. YOU *SPOILED BRATS* DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW *GOOD* YOU HAVE IT.

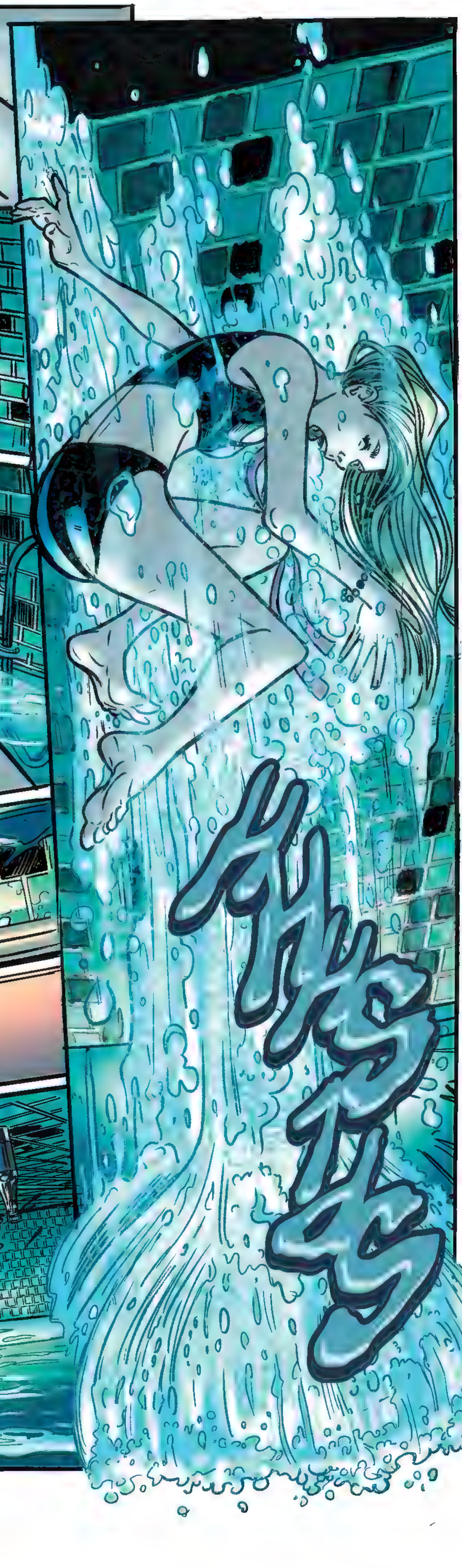
WE WERE JUST SAYING HOW *EXCITED* WE ARE TO BE HERE--

OH, AND VIOLET. SINCE YOU'RE *UNDECLARED,* YOU'LL BE *DRINKING* FOR *EVERY MAJOR.*

SO HOW ABOUT A *HEAD START?*

HuhGi





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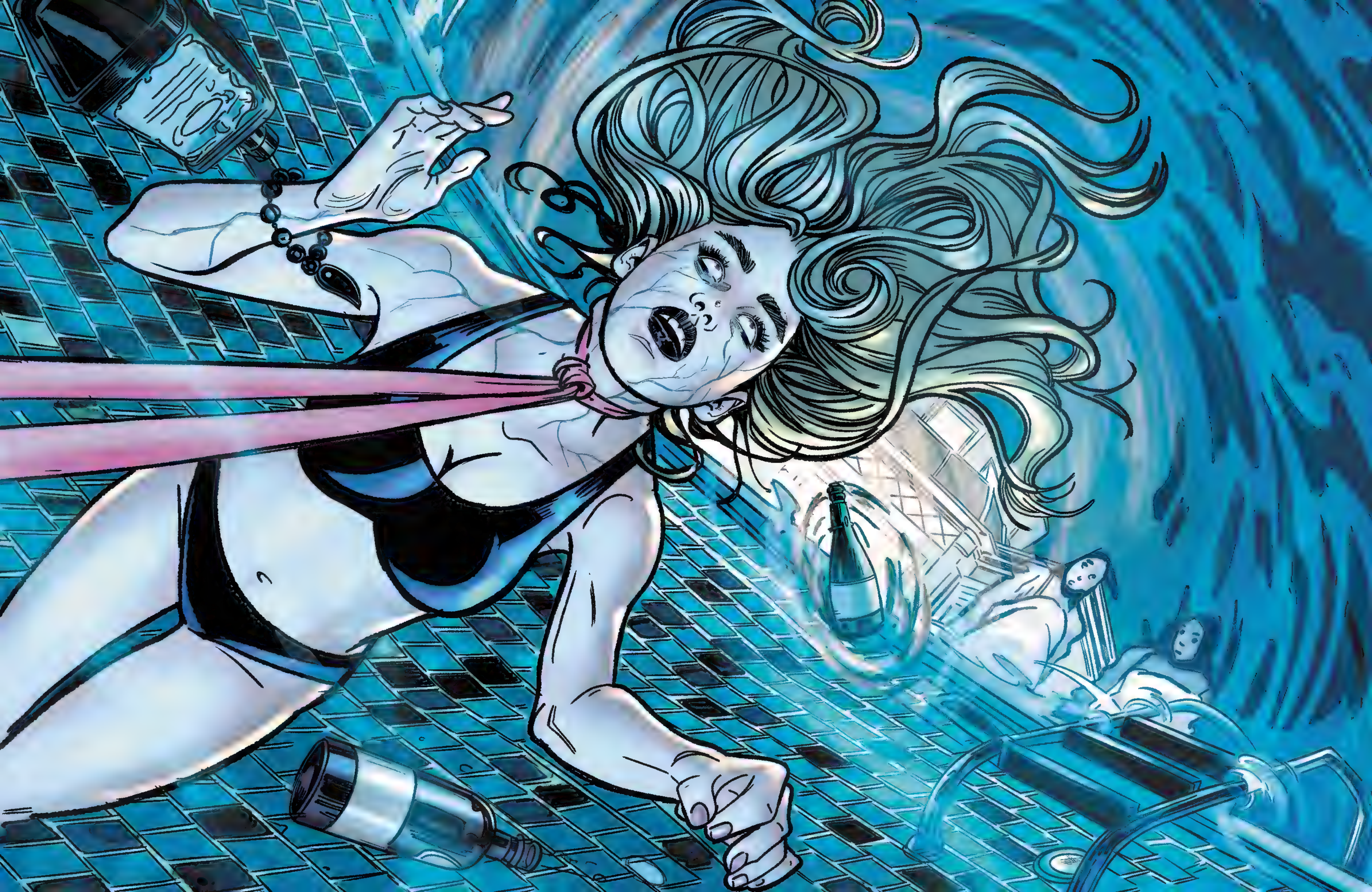
HWWLP!

HWWLP...

CONGRATULATIONS, LADIES! YOU'RE ONE STEP CLOSER TO BEING SIGMA SISTERS! THERE'S A LITTLE SURPRISE WAITING FOR YOU INSIDE...

WHERE'S VIOLET?



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VI...?

"HI, THIS IS VIOLET. GUESS YOU MISSED ME--

--TRY ME AGAIN OR LEAVE A MESSAGE.

BEEEP

HEY. YOU'RE NOT ANSWERING MY TEXTS...NOT SURE IF YOU'RE STILL OUT *CELEBRATING*, BUT... I'D, *um*...LOVE TO HEAR HOW IT ALL WENT.

I'M GRABBING LUNCH IF YOU'RE AWAKE AND WANT TO MEET ME.

VRRRR

VRRRR

Vi's Mom

slide to answer

HEY, ARE YOU LOOKING FOR VIOLET? I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HER--

...WHAT?

I'M HERE AT THE **SIGMA IOTA NU** SORORITY HOUSE WHERE TWO WEEKS AGO, A YOUNG WOMAN TRAGICALLY **DROWNED** DURING A SORORITY GATHERING.

WITH THE INVOLVEMENT OF **ALCOHOL**, THE SORORITY COULD NOW FACE **CHARGES** FROM BOTH THE **ADMINISTRATION** AND **LOCAL AUTHORITIES**. I HAVE WITH ME THE SORORITY PRESIDENT, **KARMA RICHARDS**.

KARMA, CAN YOU TELL US WHAT HAPPENED?

OUR **CHOSEN FAMILY** IS **HURTING** WITH THE **LOSS** OF ONE OF **OUR OWN**. WE'RE ALL **DEVASTATED** AND TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WOULD COMPEL HER TO BRING HER **OWN ALCOHOL** TO A DRY SOCIAL GATHERING.

I'M TRULY NOT SURE, BUT I KNOW SHE WOULDN'T WANT THE SORORITY TO **SUFFER** AS A RESULT OF **HER ACTIONS**. SHE WOULD OWN UP TO THEM BECAUSE THAT'S WHO SHE **WAS**.

ΣΙΝ

I WAS JUST **LUCKY** TO CALL HER MY **BEST FRIEND**.

WHO EVEN *ARE* YOU?

HELP US **SAVE** SIGMA IOTA NU.

I KNOW **VIOLET** WOULD HAVE.

YOU **MURDERER!**

I CALLED DEAN BRAZNER AND TOLD HER SIGMA IOTA NU CAN'T BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIONS OF THIS-- THIS *CARELESS FRESHMAN.*

AFTER ALL WE'VE DONE FOR THE UNIVERSITY... THE COUNTLESS *DONATIONS* FROM OUR SIGMA ALUMS. WE ARE AN *INSTITUTION* ON THIS CAMPUS.

ΣΙΝ

Sigma Iota Nu

TO ERASE THE YEARS OF *DEDICATION?* THAT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO ALL OF THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE...WOULD IT?

KARMA RICHARDS
PRESIDENT CLASS OF 2025

WOULD THAT BE *FAIR,* KARMA?

NO...IT WOULDN'T.

BECAUSE OF *YOU.*

I'M SORRY, MOM. I JUST WANTED THE *PLEDGES* TO WORK AS HARD AS I DID TO BECOME A *SISTER.* I WASN'T TRYING TO *HURT* ANYONE.

ΣΙΝ ΣΙΝ

STOP WHINING. THIS IS *YOUR* MESS. I'VE DONE WHAT I CAN, NOW *GROW UP* AND *FIX THIS YOURSELF.*

BUT THAT'S WHERE WE ARE.

BEFORE YOU *DESTROY* THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS...

JOY RICHARDS
PRESIDENT CLASS OF 2000

"...OUR LEGACY."

KKKMMM

KSHH

AHHH!

"IN OTHER NEWS, THE SORORITY **SIGMA IOTA NU** FACED MORE UNWANTED **ATTENTION** THIS EVENING, WHEN AN UNKNOWN VANDAL THREW A **ROCK** THROUGH THEIR HOME'S WINDOW, **STRIKING** A STUDENT..."

"HEY, KIDDO, IT'S DAD. JUST, um, CHECKIN' IN. HAVEN'T HEARD FROM YOU IN A WHILE...IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, YOU KNOW HOW TO REACH ME."

"SOPHIE, THIS IS PROFESSOR WILLINGHAM. I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANY MORE EXTENSIONS ON YOUR LAST ASSIGNMENT. AT THIS POINT, YOU'LL HAVE TO RETAKE MY CLASS IF YOU WANT A PASSING GRADE."

"HELLO, SOPHIE, IT'S YOUR COUNSELOR, MR. SHUDRICK. I KNOW YOU HAD A TOUGH SEMESTER, BUT YOUR **GRADES** ARE REALLY **SUFFERING.** I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU GET **KICKED OUT** OF THE PROGRAM. PLEASE FIND A TIME TO COME IN DURING MY OFFICE HOURS."

"IT'S PROFESSOR PETERSON..."

"PROFESSOR JORAN..."

"THE CLIFTON SCHOLARSHIP BOARD..."

"...YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO CLASS AT ALL..."

"...YOU'RE A GREAT STUDENT. DON'T **THROW** THAT AWAY..."

"...IN JEOPARDY OF **LOSING** YOUR SCHOLARSHIP...."

"SOPHIE..."

"DON'T MAKE A **MISTAKE** YOU'LL **REGRET.**"

SHOES
WOMEN
MEN
CHILDREN
REPAIRS
OPEN
HELLO?
IS ANYONE HERE?
AH!
I THINK SHE LIKES YOU.

BUT SHE'S A LITTLE *TOO TRUSTING.*

PROBABLY WHY SHE'S *DEAD.*

Um...OKAY. SO YOU'RE SAYING YOUR BIRD'S A... GHOST?

Coo

WELL, THE BIRD, NO. MY SISTER ON THE OTHER HAND...

I SAVED HER SOUL AND PUT IT IN THIS TINY LITTLE CREATURE.

IT'S BEEN SO GENEROUS AS TO SHARE ITS LIVING FORM WITH THE DEPARTED.

AND I SEE YOU'VE LOST A SISTER, TOO.

YOU COULD SAY THAT... I GUESS.

Coo

SISTERHOOD IS MORE THAN BLOOD. IT'S YOUR BOND. YOU HAD HER AND SHE HAD YOU. AND NOW...

OH, I FEEL THE PAIN.

YOU'RE ALL ALONE.

IT'S ALL RIGHT, SWEET CHILD. PLEASE, COME SIT. LET US PROCEED.

I...I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY.

IN *ANOTHER LIFE*, THAT WAS ALL I CARED ABOUT, BUT TODAY I'M ONLY INTERESTED IN CONNECTING YOU WITH YOUR DEAR *FRIEND*.

WOULDN'T YOU LIKE THAT?

I--I WOULD. WHAT DO YOU *NEED* FROM ME?

THE BRACELET WILL SUFFICE.

THANK YOU FOR *SHARING* WITH ME.

ARE YOU ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN YOU WISH TO *SHATTER* THE *BARRIER* BETWEEN *LIFE*... AND *DEATH*?

YES... BUT--BUT HOW?

I HAVE AN *AGREEMENT* WITH THE *OTHER SIDE*.

AND NOW *YOU* HAVE A *COVENANT* WITH *ME*.

SOPHIE, HELP ME! I NEED YOU!

VIOLET?

VIOLET? HOLD ON!

SPLASH

VIOLET!

OH MY GOD.

SOPHIE.

SOPHIE!

SOPHIE.

VIOLET?

DON'T QUIT IT

I'M BACK!

Future

AND THOSE BITCHES WHO KILLED ME ARE GONNA PAY.

October

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Nigh

Violet

CHAPTER TWO

ARE YOU *SURE* YOU WANT TO DO THIS, VI?

PROBABLY.

IT'S *MY* HOUSE, SOPH--WHAT'S MY SISTER GONNA DO, KICK ME OUT?

WELL, AMBER CAN GO AHEAD AND *TRY*.

VI--

IT'S *ONE* DRINK.

WHAT THE *HELL* ARE *YOU* DOING HERE, VIOLET?

YOU WERE *SUPPOSED* TO STAY OUT OF THE HOUSE TONIGHT. DON'T YOU HAVE, LIKE, *CARTOONS* TO WATCH OR SOMETHING?

I DECIDED TO COME HOME. DIDN'T WANT TO MISS ALL THE *FUN*.

THIS PARTY IS *SENIORS* ONLY. *NO* EXCEPTIONS.

ESPECIALLY NOT FOR MY WEIRD KID SISTER.

DON'T *TOUCH* ME, AMBER!

KSHHH

AAAAHHH!

I--I--

GET. OUT!

WE SHOULD GO, VI.

BUT, SOPH, IT WAS AN ACCIDENT.

I DIDN'T MEAN TO--

I DON'T CARE. JUST LEAVE ALREADY!

"YOU'RE **DEAD** TO ME."

I FEEL SO ALIVE.

VI? BUT YOU--

YOU DIED.

I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT. I WAS IN THIS **ENDLESS DARKNESS.** I THOUGHT I COULDN'T ESCAPE.

BUT THEN YOU WERE THERE... REACHING FOR ME.

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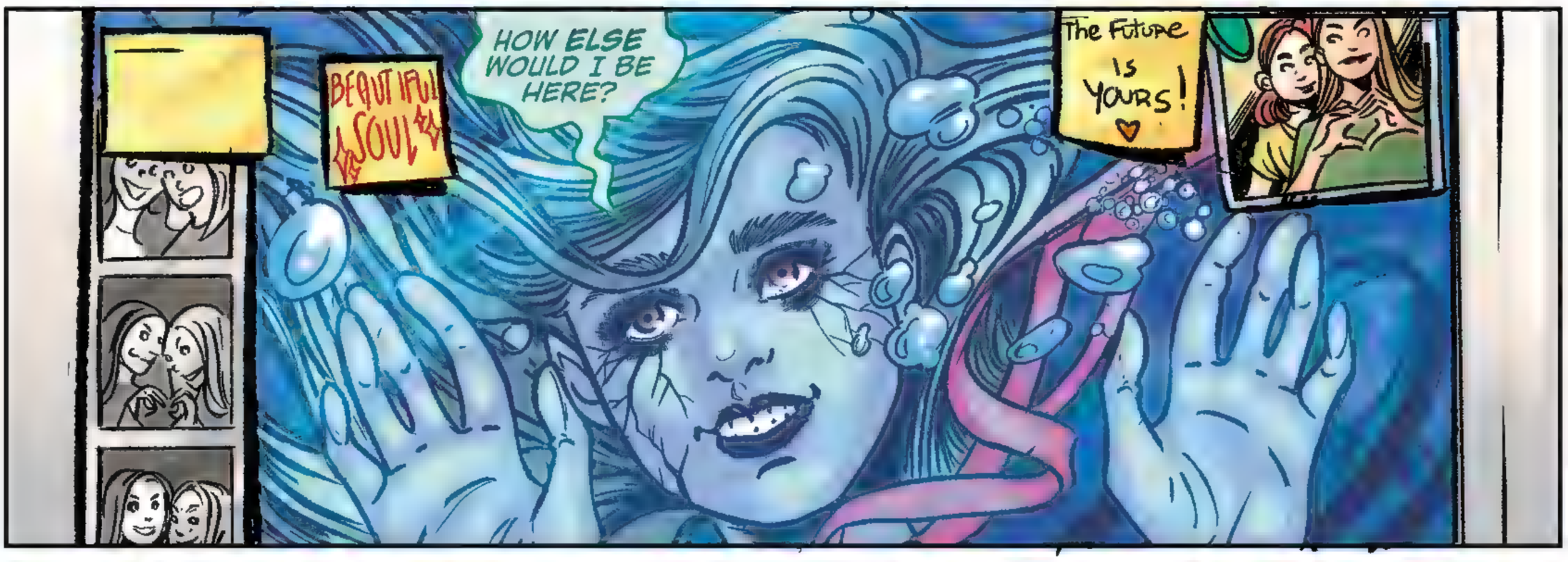
I REACHED BACK.

THAT--

--THAT WAS *REAL?*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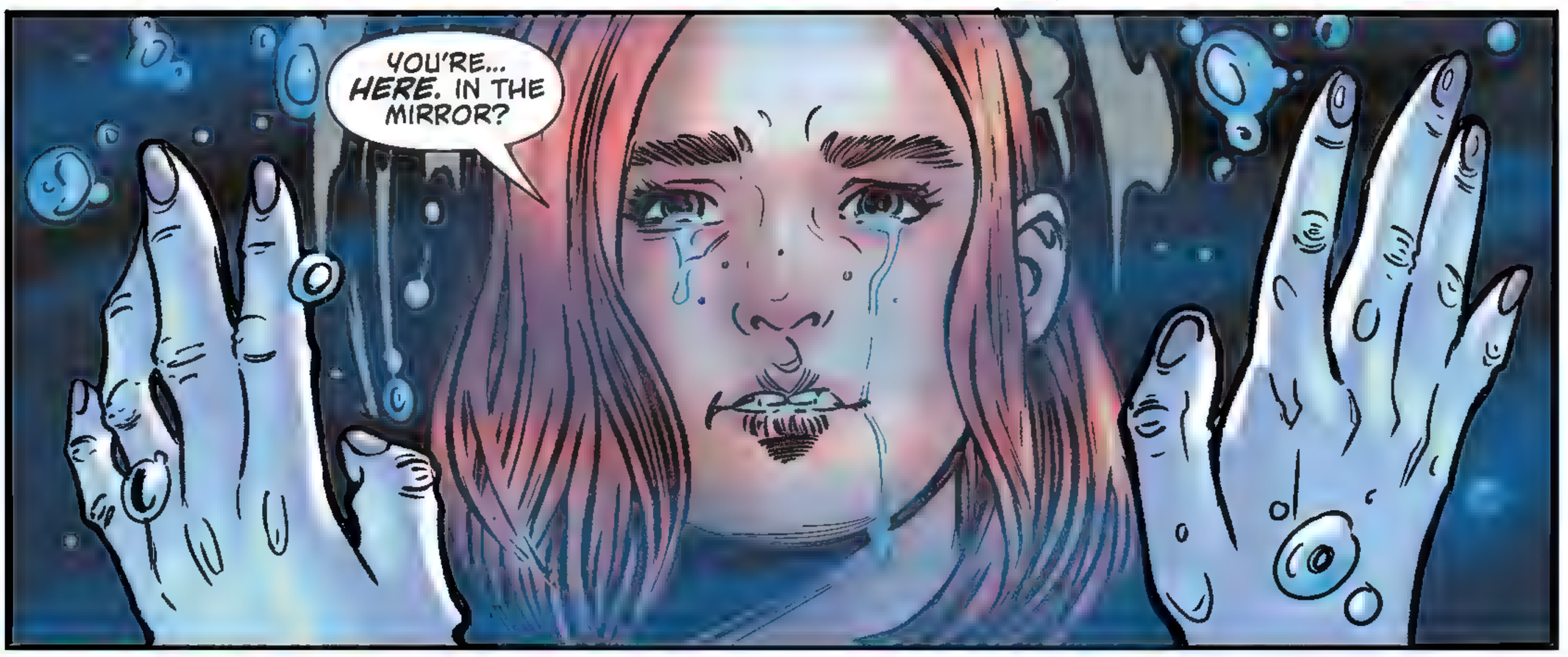
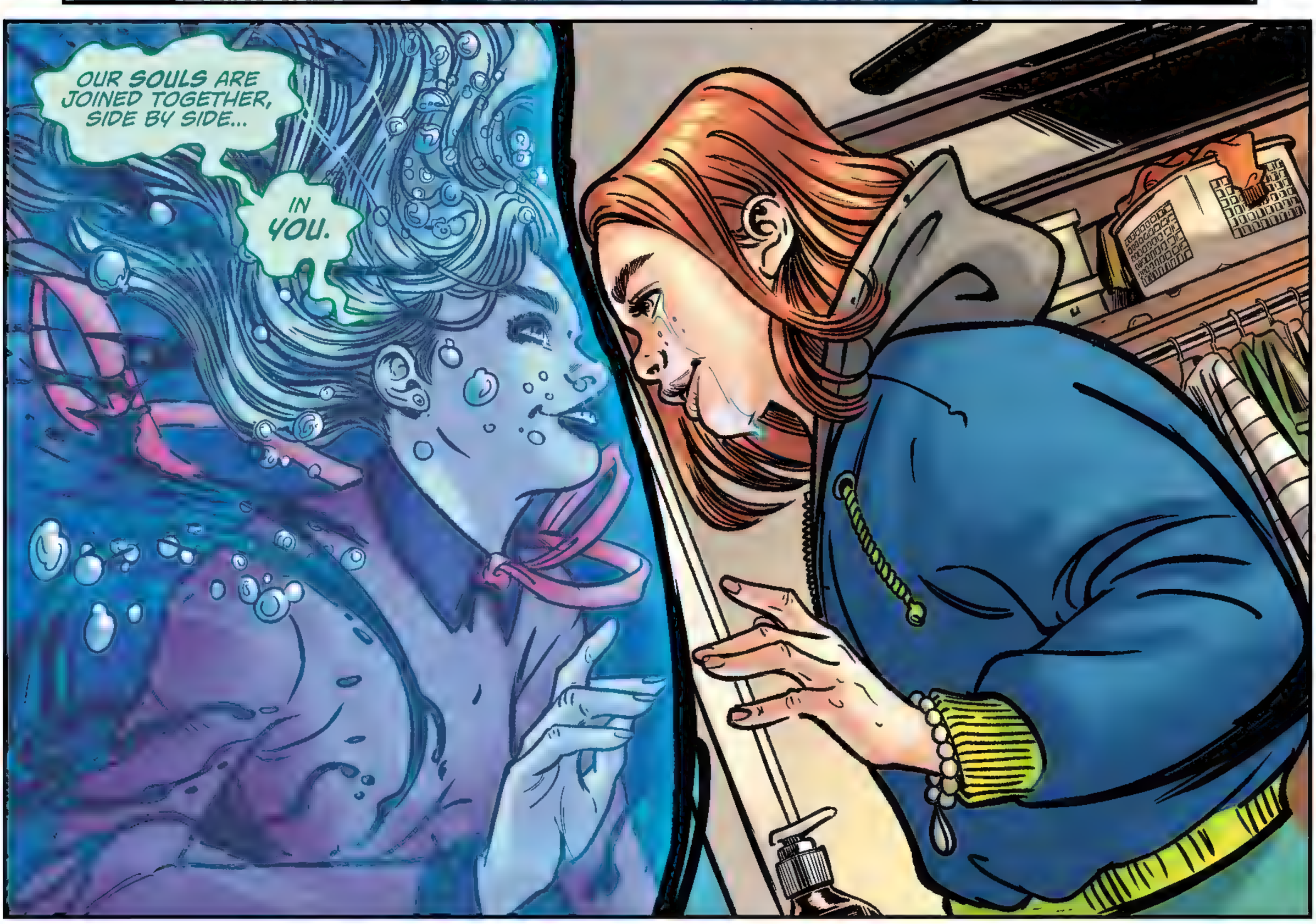
HOW ELSE WOULD I BE HERE?
The Future Is Yours!


YOU'RE... HERE. IN THE MIRROR?


OUR SOULS ARE JOINED TOGETHER, SIDE BY SIDE...
IN YOU.

YOU'RE NOT MOVING *FAST ENOUGH*. WE HAVE LESS THAN *24 HOURS* TO GET THIS PLACE RUSH READY.

IT WOULD GO A LOT *FASTER* IF YOU *HELP* US, KARMA.

PENELOPE, *DON'T* PUSH HER BUTTONS.

WHAT? AM I *WRONG*, RIVER?

JUST GET IT DONE!

SHE'S *STRESSED* ENOUGH AS IT IS.

WHY?

SHE HAD A CALL WITH THE *DEAN* EARLIER. VIOLET'S PARENTS ARE REALLY PUSHING TO *SHUT US DOWN* BECAUSE SHE DROWNED ON OUR WATCH.

KARMA'S MOM PULLED SOME STRINGS...BUT IF THE ADMINISTRATION FINDS US AT FAULT, WE'RE *TOAST*.

KSHHH

"YOU WANT ME TO *WHAT?*"

I NEED YOU TO RUSH, SOPH.

IF WE COULD GET ONE OF THEM TO TALK...ADMIT THAT THEY WERE FORCE-FEEDING US ALCOHOL THAT NIGHT, OR THAT KARMA PUSHED ME IN THE POOL...WE CAN TAKE THEM DOWN FOR GOOD.

JOIN A SORORITY?

WE NEED TO INFILTRATE THEM. WE'LL HAVE MORE POWER FROM INSIDE.

I HATE THEM FOR TAKING YOU AWAY FROM ME. I DO. BUT NOW THAT YOU'RE BACK...

...MAYBE WE CAN JUST BE GRATEFUL FOR THIS SECOND CHANCE.

SOPH...

I CAN'T JUST MOVE ON AFTER WHAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH... WHAT THEY DID TO ME.

THESE ARE BAD PEOPLE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

AND THEY HAVE TO BE STOPPED BEFORE THEY HURT SOMEONE ELSE.

I'M ASKING YOU AS MY FRIEND...

"HELP ME."

AMBER?

HEY, SOPHIE... IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I CAME TO PICK UP MY SISTER'S THINGS.

SO...

...DID YOUR MOM *SEND* YOU?

I VOLUNTEERED.

I DON'T BELIEVE THAT FOR A *SECOND.*

SHE HASN'T SAID A *WORD* TO ME SINCE THAT PARTY.

I WAS A *BAD* SISTER.

I KNOW.

I NEVER *FORGAVE* HER AFTER THE *ACCIDENT.*

FEELS PRETTY *STUPID* OF ME, NOW THAT SHE'S *GONE.*

I HOPE YOU WEREN'T ***WRAPPED UP*** IN THAT SORORITY WITH HER.

OH NO, I'VE NEVER BEEN INTERESTED IN GREEK LIFE...AND THAT ***HASN'T*** CHANGED.

*BUT SOPH, WHAT ABOUT OUR **PLAN**? I THOUGHT YOU WERE GONNA RUSH.*

I'M GLAD YOU WEREN'T ***INVOLVED***. THIS WHOLE THING HAS BEEN SUCH A MESS.

YOU'D THINK PEOPLE WOULD ***CARE*** WHEN A STUDENT ***DIES***, BUT MY PARENTS HAVE CALLED EVERY ALUM TRYING TO GET SOMEONE TO ***SPEAK OUT*** AGAINST THOSE SORORITY SISTERS.

MOST OF THEM JUST ***HANG UP***.

WE HAVE ***LAWYERS*** NOW... SO THE SORORITY MAY HAVE ***PULL*** ON THIS CAMPUS, BUT I'D STAY AWAY IF I WERE YOU.

YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ME. THERE'S NO WAY I'D EVEN THINK ABOUT JOINING THEM.

THERE'S NO WAY YOU'D HELP YOUR BEST FRIEND?

THEY KILLED ME!

IF YOU'RE GOING TO TURN YOUR BACK ON ME LIKE MY SISTER, SOPHIE...I'M GONE!

VIOLET?

THOSE GIRLS WILL HAVE TO FACE WHAT THEY DID EVENTUALLY.

EVEN IF IT TAKES *YEARS* TO SHUT THEIR SORORITY DOWN.

WHO KNOWS HOW MANY MORE PLEDGES THEY'LL *HURT* IN THE MEANTIME.

IF THERE WAS A *QUICKER* WAY TO STOP THEM, WE WOULD.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, SOPHIE.

IT'S NICE KNOWING VIOLET ALWAYS HAD YOU.

VIOLET, PLEASE... COME BACK...

I'M SORRY...

I'LL-- I'LL DO IT.

"...I'LL *RUSH*."

WELCOME, LADIES, TO *SIGMA IOTA NU*--THE MOST *POPULAR* SORORITY ON CAMPUS FOR OVER TWO DECADES!

SIGMA IOTA NU

ΣIN

RUSH WEEK

IS THAT STILL *TRUE*?

YOU'LL BE *LUCKY* IF YOU GET IN.

KARMA, RIGHT?

DO I *KNOW* YOU?

OF COURSE. VIOLET WAS, *um*...

I'M SOPHIE. I WAS VIOLET'S BEST FRIEND.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I'M HERE TO *RUSH.*

HEY, KARM. COULD I GRAB YOU FOR A SECOND?

DID THAT GIRL SAY SHE WAS VIOLET'S BEST FRIEND?

I'LL DEAL WITH THIS. JUST NEED TO THINK OF A WAY TO GET RID OF HER.

GET *RID* OF HER?

WHAT *BETTER* WAY TO PROTECT US THAN TO LET VIOLET'S *BEST FRIEND* IN? WE'D BE UNTOUCHABLE.

I KINDA FEEL LIKE THIS IS A BAD IDEA.

PENELOPE HAS A *POINT,* THOUGH. THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD LET US OFF THE HOOK IF WE HAD SOMEONE *THAT* CLOSE TO VIOLET *VOUCHING* FOR US.

THEY MIGHT, BUT--

NO ONE ASKED *YOU,* RIVER. I'VE ALREADY MADE UP MY MIND.

MAKE YOURSELF AT *HOME*, SOPHIE.

THANKS. I'M *THRILLED* TO BE HERE. VIOLET SAID YOU ALL REALLY *PUSHED* HER TO BE HER BEST SELF.

ESPECIALLY *YOU*, KARMA.

HI, SOPHIE--I'M *PENELOPE*.

YOU DON'T NEED TO SIT WITH ALL THE SIGMA IOTA NU HOPEFULS.

LET ME SHOW YOU AROUND.

SO, YOU AND VIOLET WERE GOOD FRIENDS, *huh?*

INSEPARABLE SINCE SECOND GRADE.

WOW. I CAN'T EVEN *IMAGINE* LOSING A SIGMA SISTER.

I...I REALLY LIKED VIOLET. SHE WOULD HAVE FIT RIGHT IN.

SHE WOULD HAVE LOVED THAT...

...THIS SORORITY WAS ALL SHE TALKED ABOUT SINCE OUR FIRST DAY ON CAMPUS.

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MAKES SENSE. GIRLS LINE UP AROUND THE *BLOCK* JUST TO *RUSH*.

SO WE HAVE TO BE SUPER SELECTIVE. ONLY THE *BEST* OF THE BEST CAN BE SISTERS. AND THAT'S *IF* THEY MAKE IT THROUGH PLEDGING.

WHY DO YOU THINK EVERYONE ELSE IS SO *JEALOUS*? THEY WANT TO BE ONE OF US.

I MEAN, A *ROCK* CAME RIGHT THROUGH THAT WINDOW*... AND I BET IT WAS THROWN BY SOMEONE WHO WAS *ANGRY* THEY WEREN'T PICKED.

HIT KINSLEY RIGHT IN THE *HEAD*. SHE HAD TO GET *STAPLES*.

*SOPHIE HURLED IT LAST ISSUE! --B.C.

I GUESS THAT'S THE PRICE OF POPULARITY.

Psst. *SOPH.*

WOULD YOU MIND IF I GOT SOME AIR?

OF COURSE-- THE BALCONY HAS A GREAT VIEW OF CAMPUS.

THANKS.

SOPHIE, YOU DID IT! YOU'RE **RUSHING.** I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D GO THROUGH WITH IT AFTER WHAT YOU SAID TO MY SISTER.

OF COURSE, I WASN'T GONNA LET MY BEST FRIEND DOWN.

NO. YOU'RE SHOWING UP WHEN IT **REALLY** MATTERS.

I'M SORRY I DIDN'T AGREE TO RUSH IN THE FIRST PLACE.

I JUST CAN'T STAND THESE SORORITY TYPES. THEY'RE SO ***FAKE***, AND THEN THERE'S THE DRINKING AND PARTIES... WHY WOULD I WANT TO BE ONE OF THEM?

BUT YOU'RE NOT. YOU'RE PRETENDING.

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.

AND AS LONG AS ***THEY*** DON'T KNOW THAT, I CAN GET ALL THE INFO WE NEED OUT OF THEM.

WE'LL NEED MORE THAN INFO, SOPH. WE'RE GOING TO ***DESTROY*** THIS SORORITY.

AND ***RUIN*** THEIR LIVES.

WHAT-- WHAT DO YOU ***MEAN?***

ARE YOU TALKING TO YOURSELF OUT HERE?

JUST A PEP TALK... THIS WHOLE RUSH THING, IT'S A BIT *INTIMIDATING.*

OH, DON'T BE SCARED. SORORITIES GET A BAD RAP, BUT YOU CAN'T BELIEVE *EVERYTHING* YOU HEAR, RIGHT? WE'RE ALL *SUPER* NICE.

I WOULD EVEN SAY, WE'RE THE *KINDEST* SORORITY--

OH MY GOD!

WE NEED TO GET HELP--

WHAT...?

SOMEONE CALL AN AMBULANCE!

OH GOD--

WHAT HAPP--

WHAT-- WHAT HAPPENED?

I... SHE WAS THERE... THEN... SHE...

I... I DON'T KNOW.

SHE MUST HAVE FALLEN.

CHAPTER THREE

THE TWO OF YOU ARE TALKING ON THE BALCONY, YOU LOOK AWAY, YOU LOOK BACK, AND SHE'S *GONE*?

YES, OFFICER.

A GIRL IS *DEAD*, SOPHIE.

I-- I KNOW.

SO TELL ME IN YOUR OWN WORDS...WHAT HAPPENED?

SHE FELL. SAY IT, SOPH.

TELL HIM THE TRUTH.

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SHE FELL.

I CAN'T GET THE IMAGE OUT OF MY HEAD, RIVER.

HOW ARE WE GONNA GET THROUGH THIS?

I'M NOT SURE, KARMA...BUT WE NEED TIME TO *HEAL* AS A *FAMILY.*

WE *DO.* IT'S GONNA BE REALLY HARD TO FOCUS ON THE NEXT *PLEDGE CLASS* RIGHT NOW.

THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING...I DON'T THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO INVITE *ANYONE* NEW IN THIS SEMESTER.

YOU WANT TO *SKIP* PLEDGING? WE MIGHT AS WELL *SHUT DOWN.*

WHAT OTHER OPTION DO WE HAVE?

"REMEMBER THE PLAN, SOPH..."

...IT'S **STILL** POSSIBLE TO GET ONE OF THEM TO ADMIT THAT KARMA PUSHED ME IN THE POOL AND THAT THE SISTERS WERE MAKING US DRINK. ESPECIALLY NOW THAT THEY'RE **VULNERABLE.**

I DON'T THINK I WANT TO GO BACK THERE, VI. NOT AFTER WHAT HAPPENED.

I UNDERSTAND, TRUST ME. I DON'T LIKE BEING IN THAT HOUSE EITHER... BUT WE NEED TO GET JUSTICE FOR WHAT THEY DID TO ME.

ARE YOU WITH ME?

VI, I--

NOK NOK NOK

HELLO?

GASP

WHAT'S GOING ON?

DON'T SPEAK UNLESS SPOKEN TO.

THERE IS NO STRONGER *BOND* THAN THAT OF *FAMILY.*

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AND *SISTERS* LIKE *US* ARE HARD TO COME BY.

KSHHH

KSHH

SISTERS WHO CAN COUNT ON ONE ANOTHER. WHO ALWAYS FIGHT FOR EACH OTHER. WHO ARE FOREVER LINKED, IN LIFE...

...AND BEYOND.

IN OUR FAMILY, SISTERS ARE CHOSEN.

BUT ONLY THE MOST DEVOTED ARE ACCEPTED.

DO YOU PLEDGE TO KEEP ALL ACTIVITIES THAT FOLLOW A SECRET?

YES.

YES.

YES?

JUST SAY YES TO EVERYTHING THEY SAY.

DO YOU PLEDGE TO ALWAYS PUT FAMILY FIRST IN FRONT OF ALL ELSE, WITHOUT FAIL?

YES.

DO YOU PLEDGE TO BE LOYAL TO YOUR SISTERS, NEVER BETRAY THEIR TRUST AND NEVER TURN AGAINST THEM?

I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING...

WRONG ANSWER.

AHHH!

KSHHT

FOLLOW HER.

WE'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU.

AHHHH!

BOOM

HNMMM...

HELP! SOMEBODY, HELP ME!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SOPH?

CALM DOWN.

THEY THINK I *KILLED* PENELOPE.

THEY'RE *AFTER* ME.

TRK

AGHHH!

DAMMIT. WHAT DID YOU *DO?*

YOU'RE *BLEEDING.*

DO YOU *PLEDGE* TO BE *LOYAL* TO YOUR SISTERS, NEVER BETRAY THEIR *TRUST* AND *NEVER* TURN *AGAINST* THEM?

YES.

WHAT DO YOU *WANT* FROM ME?

IT'S JUST PART OF THE *PROCESS,* OKAY? WE *ALL* HAD TO DO IT.

I LEARNED NOT TO QUESTION ANYTHING, IT ONLY MAKES IT HARDER ON YOU.

WELCOME TO THE NEXT PLEDGE CLASS OF *SIGMA IOTA NU.*

I KNOW YOU'RE SCARED. I WAS *TOO* MY FIRST DAY OF PLEDGING.

BUT I *GUARANTEE* THAT ONCE YOU'RE A SISTER, WE'LL HAVE YOUR *BACK* LIKE NO ONE ELSE.

"THIS IS *DANGEROUS..!"*

...AND I DON'T WANT ANY PART IN IT.

CAN'T YOU SEE? THAT'S **EXACTLY** WHY THEY NEED TO BE STOPPED.

THIS ISN'T WHAT I SIGNED UP FOR, VI.

TOGETHER, WE CAN SAVE SO MANY PEOPLE. EVERY FUTURE PLEDGE WHO COULD END UP LIKE ME...

I DON'T WANT TO BE THE PLEDGE WHO ENDS UP LIKE ***YOU.***

"THERE YOU GO, ALL PATCHED UP."

PROBABLY WHY THEY PUT YOU IN THE CAR WITH THE NURSING MAJOR.

IT'S *ANIKA*, BY THE WAY. WE DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO TALK DURING RUSH, BUT KARMA WAS PRETTY ADAMANT WE VOTE YOU IN. SAID YOU WERE FRIENDS WITH VIOLET.

I WOULDN'T BE HERE IF IT WASN'T FOR VIOLET.

SAME... SHE AND I PLEDGED TOGETHER LAST SEMESTER.

YOU *DID?*

WE WERE ACTUALLY GETTING QUITE CLOSE.

SHE WAS SO *DETERMINED.* ENCOURAGED ME TO KEEP GOING WHEN I WANTED TO GIVE UP.

THAT WAS VIOLET.

WHEN SHE SET HER MIND TO SOMETHING, NO ONE COULD GET IN HER WAY.

BUT IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE SHE WAS DRINKING ALL ON *HER OWN* THE NIGHT SHE PASSED...

WE DON'T NEED TO REOPEN *THAT* WOUND.

I'M JUST THANKFUL TO HER FOR CONVINCING ME IT WOULD ALL BE WORTH IT IN THE END.

BECAUSE NOW I HAVE *SISTERS.*

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AND SOON *YOU* WILL, TOO.

AND WITH YOU HERE, IT'S LIKE WE HAVE A PIECE OF VIOLET--

WHY DID YOU DO THAT?

WHAT--

PLEASE DON'T HURT ME.

JUMP!

I SAID JUMP!

I CAN'T!

AHHH!

RSHHH

>HNgGg<...

EEEEERR

SLICE

ANIKA.

HELP--

OH GOD.

NO.

TAKE A BREATH. WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME BEFORE THE POLICE SHOW UP.

WE NEED TO GET OUR STORY STRAIGHT.

OUR STORY...?

YOU.

YOU DID THIS.

DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT.

SOPH, I HAD NO CHOICE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU HAD NO CHOICE?

YOU-- YOU *KILLED* THEM.

YOU *SAW* THE KIND OF THINGS THEY DO WITH YOUR *OWN* EYES.

I--I DID. BUT VI...WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?

THEY DESERVED IT.

ANIKA PLEDGED *WITH* YOU. SHE WASN'T EVEN RESPONSIBLE...

SHE DIDN'T EXACTLY **SAVE** ME. BESIDES, SHE'S PART OF THEIR **CULT** NOW. SOON ENOUGH SHE'D BE ACTING JUST LIKE THEM, IF SHE WASN'T ALREADY.

WHAT ABOUT PENELOPE? YOU *PUSHED* HER, DIDN'T YOU?

AND WHAT IF I DID?

YOU *USED* ME!

NO. IT'S NOT LIKE THAT. WITH PENELOPE, I WAS JUST SO ANGRY. I WANTED TO REACH OUT AND... THEN I DID.

BUT BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WASN'T IN CONTROL ANYMORE.

SO YOU *LIED* ABOUT IT...

I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO TELL YOU. I WAS AFRAID YOU'D REACT THIS WAY.

HOW DID YOU *EXPECT* ME TO REACT TO YOU HURTING PEOPLE WITH *MY BODY?*

CAN'T YOU SEE THAT I'M THE ONE WHO'S BEEN HURT?

LET ME TAKE OVER, I CAN GET US OUT OF THIS.

NO. I WON'T LET YOU.

I DON'T NEED YOUR PERMISSION.

YOU CAN'T JUST--

WEEOOO

WEEOOO

WHAT-- WHAT THE HELL?!

PUT THE GUN DOWN!

DROP IT! NOW--

WHERE... AM I?

YOU ***ASSAULTED*** AN OFFICER, SOPHIE. ***STOLE*** ANOTHER ONE'S ***FIREARM.***

NOT TO MENTION...

YOU'RE BEING CHARGED WITH MURDER.

CHAPTER FOUR

I STILL LOVE YOU.

I'LL GET US OUT OF HERE, SOPH. I PROMISE.

WOULD YOU TALK TO ME?

VIOLET. YOU *KILLED* PEOPLE. WITH *MY* BODY... *MY* HANDS.

THIS ISN'T SOME *STUPID FIGHT* WE'RE HAVING. THIS IS *MURDER.*

SO WHAT? THEY KILLED ME.

WHY ARE YOU *DEFENDING* THEM?

I--I'M NOT... I JUST...I DON'T EVEN *RECOGNIZE* YOU ANYMORE.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? IT'S STILL *ME.*

I'VE *ALWAYS* BEEN HERE FOR YOU. ESPECIALLY AFTER YOUR MOM DIED...

I'M ASKING YOU TO BE HERE FOR *ME.*

ARE YOU READY TO TALK?

YOU CAN'T ASK ME THAT.

NOT WHEN IT INVOLVES *MURDER.*

PLEASE. I DIDN'T DO IT.

THEN WHO DID?

IT DIDN'T TAKE MUCH TO CONNECT THE DOTS THAT YOUR FRIEND, VIOLET, *DIED* AT THAT *SORORITY* HOUSE. I'M SURE A *JURY* WON'T THINK THAT'S A *COINCIDENCE*.

SOPH, YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO DO ANYTHING. JUST LET ME TAKE CONTROL. I'LL GET US OUT AND WE CAN *FINISH* THIS.

I'M YOUR ONLY *ALLY* HERE, SOPHIE.

POLICE

AND MY PATIENCE IS WEARING.

OFFICER, *WAIT!*

"I'LL TELL YOU *EVERYTHING.*"

WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER, SOPHIE. I DON'T WANT TO SEE SOMEONE AS YOUNG AS YOU SPEND HER LIFE IN *PRISON.*

BUT THAT ALL DEPENDS ON YOUR *HONESTY.*

DON'T SAY I DIDN'T TRY.

GET ON THE GROUND...

...NOW!

DON'T MOVE!

STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE--

Ah...

SHHH.

AH!

GET OFF OF ME!

WOULD YOU BE QUIET? WE'RE GONNA GET CAUGHT.

WEEOOWEE

WHAT DID YOU DO?!

I GOT US OUT, LIKE I PROMISED.

YOU NEED TO STOP.

WHY SHOULD I? YOU'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING TO HELP YOURSELF. I DID YOU A FAVOR.

YOU CALL THIS A FAVOR? MY HANDS ARE BLEEDING, I'M COVERED IN GARBAGE, AND THE COPS ARE AFTER ME.

YOU'RE DESTROYING MY LIFE!

HYDE STREET

THAT'S NOT FOR YOU TO DECIDE.

YOU DON'T DESERVE THIS LIFE.

NO. IT'S NOT FAIR.

Hyding Place

AND WHAT I DO WITH *MY* LIFE IS *MY* CHOICE.

BECAUSE IT'S *MINE!*

WHY SHOULD YOU GET TO HAVE THIS BODY? YOU'RE NOT EVEN DOING ANYTHING WITH IT!

I WANTED TO GO OUT, TO HAVE FUN, TO LIVE! BUT SOMEHOW, I'M THE ONE WHO DIES?

AND YET ALL YOU DO WITH IT IS STAY HOME AND STUDY.

AT LEAST YOU HAVE A LIFE!

WHATEVER YOU *DID* TO ME, YOU NEED TO *UNDO IT.*

I DON'T TAKE WELL TO *DEMANDS.*

NOW THAT WE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING...

...WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE PROBLEM? YOU WANTED YOUR *SISTER*, I RETURNED HER.

SHE'S BEEN *KILLING* PEOPLE WITH MY BODY.

INTERESTING. THAT ISN'T ALWAYS THE OUTCOME BUT...SHE DID *SUFFER* A *HORRIBLE* DEATH. A BIT OF RAGE IS TO BE *EXPECTED*.

TO BE *EXPECTED*? YOU KNEW THIS COULD HAPPEN, AND YOU BROUGHT HER BACK ANYWAY?

YOU BROUGHT HER BACK, CHILD. YOU MADE A PACT. WE ALL HAVE *RESPONSIBILITIES* AND SHE'S YOURS. NOW YOU WANT TO TURN YOUR BACK ON YOUR *SISTER*?

SHE'S *NOT* MY *SISTER*!

OF COURSE NOT. YOU WOULDN'T KNOW THE *LENGTHS* ONE WOULD GO TO FOR HER *SISTER*.

JUST TELL ME...

"HOW DO I *GET RID* OF HER?"

A DEAL WITH DEATH IS NOT EASY TO BREAK. THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO *BANISH* YOUR *FRIEND* FOR GOOD. IF THAT IS, IN FACT, WHAT YOU WANT?

IT-- IT IS.

THEN THE BODY HER *SOUL* OCCUPIES MUST *DIE.*

YOU'RE TELLING ME I HAVE TO *KILL* MYSELF?

YOU TWO ARE *BOUND* TO EACH OTHER. WHAT'S HERS IS YOURS AND YOURS HERS.

INCLUDING YOUR *LIVING BEING.*

NO...NO! SHE CAN'T JUST USE ME UNTIL *I'M DEAD!*

SOUNDS TO ME LIKE I CAN DO WHATEVER I WANT.

VIOLET, *STOP!* I'M *WARNING* YOU--

HNnnnn...

OH GOD...

HELP!

VIOLET...

VIOLET, IS THAT YOU? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

THANKS FOR THE BODY, SOPH.

YOU CAN'T LEAVE ME HERE!

PSYCHIC

YOU WERE GONNA DO THE SAME TO ME.

AAAAHH!

YOU DON'T REALLY BELIEVE SOPHIE IS CAPABLE OF *MURDER*, DO YOU?

ALL I KNOW IS THAT OUR *SISTERS* ARE DEAD AND SHE'S BEEN *DETAINED*. THERE AREN'T MANY OTHER CONCLUSIONS I CAN COME TO.

SO YOU THINK THIS IS *MY FAULT*?

I DIDN'T SAY THAT, KARMA.

BUT YOU'RE THINKING IT. I CAN READ YOU, RIVER... YOU THINK THIS IS MY FAULT BECAUSE I LET HER *FRIEND* DIE ON MY WATCH.

YOU JUST *NEVER LISTEN* TO ANYONE.

I TOLD YOU THAT NIGHT I THOUGHT WE SHOULD TAKE IT EASY ON THE *PLEDGES*. AND I TOLD YOU WHEN *SOPHIE* CAME TO RUSH THAT LETTING HER IN WAS A BAD IDEA. I EVEN TOLD YOU WE SHOULD HOLD OFF ON HAVING A NEW PLEDGE CLASS...

...BUT YOU JUST DID WHAT YOU WANTED.

GREAT. SO NOW YOU CAN SAY, "I TOLD YOU SO." YOU WERE RIGHT, I WAS WRONG.

THAT WON'T BRING *MY SISTERS* BACK.

PLEASE. I'M BEGGING YOU.

LET ME OUT OF HERE, VIOLET.

I'M COLD AND I'M... SCARED.

HOW DO YOU THINK I FELT WHEN I WAS DROWNING IN THAT POOL?

I COULDN'T SEE STRAIGHT BECAUSE OF THE ALCOHOL, THE RIBBON AROUND MY NECK KEPT GETTING TIGHTER AND TIGHTER WHEN I TRIED TO SWIM, MY LUNGS FILLED WITH WATER...

THE WHOLE SORORITY WAS RIGHT ABOVE ME, AND SOMEHOW, I DIED COMPLETELY ALONE.

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS LIKE.

MAYBE NOW YOU'LL HAVE SOME SYMPATHY.

OH GOD, WHAT DID I SAY?

I CAN FIX THIS.

ΣIN

I DID EVERYTHING YOU ASKED.

YOU--! STAY AWAY FROM ME!

AND YOU LET ME DIE!

SSHHH

YOU DON'T EVEN CARE. DO YOU?

I--I--

I--I'M SORRY ABOUT VIOLET.

LEAVE HER ALONE.

IT'S TOO LATE FOR YOUR APOLOGIES.

I'M ALREADY DEAD!

NO!

GNN--

RIVER... ruh-- RUN--

PLEASE.

RUN!

HURRY...

THIS BODY IS MINE!

ENOUGH.

HELP!

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT **DEATH** FEELS LIKE, SOPHIE?

I'LL SEND YOU RIGHT INTO THE **DARKNESS** AND YOU'LL NEVER COME BACK!

"REMEMBER ANIKA...

"...AND PENELOPE...

"...AND ALL THOSE OTHER SISTERS WE GOT RID OF?

"WELL, THEY'RE PRETTY MAD."

GET HER!

THUK

HELP ME--

YOU STOLE EVERYTHING FROM ME.

MY EXISTENCE. MY DREAMS. MY FUTURE...

"...AND NOW YOU'VE MADE ME LOSE MY BEST FRIEND.

FSHHH

YOU'RE PURE EVIL.

YOU AND ALL THAT YOU STAND FOR.

Higuera Forte Nel

NO!

"THIS WORLD WILL BE A BETTER PLACE WITHOUT YOU.

GK--

BURN IN *HELL*, BITCH.

SIN

CHAPTER FIVE

KARMA!

KARMA! WHAT ARE YOU *DOING*? LET'S *GO!*

I--I CAN'T JUST LEAVE EVERYTHING WE'VE BUILT.

LOOK AROUND YOU, THE HOUSE IS ALREADY GONE!

LOVE

YOU DON'T GET IT, RIVER! THIS SORORITY IS MY MOM'S *LEGACY.*

AND WE'RE WATCHING IT *BURN...*

"...BECAUSE OF HER."

I'M GONNA KILL THEM. I'M GONNA KILL ALL OF THEM!

VIOLET! GET OUT OF MY BODY!

I CAN'T DO THAT, SOPHIE. I CAN'T PUT YOU FIRST.

NOT ANYMORE.

AH!

BUT I'LL LET YOU WATCH THIS SORORITY **BURN.**

YOU MONSTER.

"I'M TRYING TO HELP YOU!"

BUT I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR SELFISHNESS. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO COME WITH ME--

RIVER, WAIT. DON'T LEAVE ME!

SHE'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE.

AH!

HELP! HELLP--

HLLLLLL--

RIVER!

SHNKKK

AGH!

YOU BITCH!

I WANT TO SEE YOU SUFFER.

LET GO OF ME!

GIVE IN TO THE DARKNESS.

IT'S WHAT YOU WANT, ISN'T IT, SOPHIE?

ALL OF THIS BECAUSE OF VIOLET? WHAT HAPPENED TO HER WAS AN ACCIDENT!

YOU MADE ME DRINK MYSELF TO DEATH AND THEN COVERED IT UP! YOU CALL THAT AN ACCIDENT?

YOU CAN PRETEND THAT YOU WANT TO LIVE, BUT WE KNOW THE TRUTH.

WE KNOW HOW YOU HIDE FROM THE WORLD.

I WANTED TO BE SOMEBODY. JUST LIKE YOU.

THIS SORORITY WAS EVERYTHING TO ME.

BUT YOU DON'T CARE, DO YOU?

IT'S--

SKLCH

IT'S NOT MY FAULT.

YOUR LIFE WAS MEANINGLESS.

EVER SINCE YOUR MOM DIED.

YOU'VE BEEN A SHELL OF A PERSON.

WHAT WAS I GONNA DO? GIVE UP THE SORORITY?

GIVE UP MY OWN LIFE?

WE ONLY TELL THE TRUTH, SOPHIE.

YOU NEVER DID ANYTHING, NEVER WENT ANYWHERE. NOT UNLESS VIOLET MADE YOU. SHE PULLED YOU OUT...BUT NOW THERE'S NO NEED.

YOU PREFER BEING IN THE DARK.

WE CAN GIVE YOU THAT...

...FOREVER.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

I WOULD HAVE MADE AN AMAZING SISTER.

IF YOU HAD JUST TREATED ME LIKE I MATTERED--

YOU DON'T MATTER.

VIOLET WAS THERE FOR ME FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER.

SHE ALWAYS LIFTED ME UP.

"BUT THE VIOLET I KNEW IS GONE...

THIS TIME, I HAVE TO SAVE MYSELF.

THERE'S NOWHERE TO GO, KARMA!

I'M GONNA END YOU.

AND THEN WE'LL SEE WHO DOESN'T MATTER.

VIOLET! STOP! LET ME OUT OF HERE.

THIS ISN'T ABOUT YOU, SOPHIE!

YOU MADE IT ABOUT ME WHEN YOU **USED ME** AND DISCARDED ME LIKE I MEANT NOTHING!

I'VE GIVEN YOU EVERYTHING.

I **SHRUNK MYSELF**. I STAYED HOME, DIDN'T MAKE FRIENDS, BECAME A SHUT-IN LIKE YOU.

LET **ME** HAVE SOMETHING FOR ONCE!

I NEVER **ASKED YOU** TO DO THOSE THINGS!

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO!

AFTER YOUR MOM DIED, YOU WOULDN'T LEAVE THE HOUSE! I KNEW YOU WANTED ME THERE, SO I STAYED, EVERY TIME.

THAT WAS ***YOUR*** CHOICE AND YOU'RE BLAMING ***ME*** FOR IT!

YOU NEEDED ME!

=GRRK=

MAYBE I DID.

BUT I DON'T NEED YOU ANYMORE.

=KOFF=

=KOFF=

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING TO?

YOU NEED ME.

Shock!

SOPHIE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

SOPHIE?

SOPHIE, STOP!

DON'T DO IT.

I WON'T LET YOU KILL US!

I CAN'T DIE AGAIN!

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT I WENT THROUGH! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO **LOSE EVERYTHING.**

I **LOST YOU...** YOU WERE ALL I HAD LEFT AND I LOST YOU.

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE MY BEST FRIEND...

BUT I CAME BACK.

I WISH YOU HADN'T, VI.

YOU DON'T MEAN THAT.

WHY WOULD YOU MAKE ME FEEL SO SMALL?

NO-- I DID WHAT I HAD TO, I--

NO! NOT AGAIN!

I'M SORRY IT HAD TO END THIS WAY, VIOLET.

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO. YOU WOULDN'T STOP.

I WAS PROTECTING MYSELF.

I KNOW. SO WAS I.

FROM... FROM ME?

I NEVER MEANT FOR YOU TO GET HURT, SOPH.

GO! ONE OF US CAN STILL GET OUT.

JUST PROMISE ME YOU'LL REMEMBER ONLY THE GOOD PARTS.

I--I CAN'T.

VIOLET...

KARMA?

I WANT TO SEE YOU SUFFER.

SHE'S RIGHT HERE, OFFICERS.

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST.

"IT'S OVER."

YOU NEED TO STOP WITH THESE ***RIDICULOUS STORIES,*** SOPHIE. YOU'RE NOT HELPING YOURSELF.

THE ***EVIDENCE*** IS INDISPUTABLE. DOESN'T MATTER WHICH WAY YOU SLICE IT, YOU'RE GOING AWAY FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.

SPARE THE VICTIMS' FAMILIES THE PAIN OF A TRIAL, AND JUST ***PLEAD GUILTY.***

YOU'VE GOT A ***VISITOR.***

HI, SOPHIE...

KARMA?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

...I FORGIVE YOU.

>Sigh<

WHY?

I'M NOT THE VILLAIN YOU THINK I AM.

I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR *FRIENDS.*

I DIDN'T MEAN FOR ANY OF IT--

I GUESS I JUST KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO *LOSE SOMEONE* THAT CLOSE TO YOU.

OF *COURSE* YOU DO.

MAYBE WE DIDN'T LOSE EVERYTHING THIS TIME.

I'M STILL HERE, AREN'T I, SOPH?

VIOLET?

I WAS ALMOST A GONER. BUT WHEN KARMA RESUSCITATED YOU, I SAW A *LIGHT* AND SWAM TOWARD IT.

SHE'S A LOT EASIER TO *CONTROL* THAN YOU WERE.

IN FACT, I THINK SHE'S *GONE.*

NO!

IT'S BEEN AMAZING. I HAVE THIS *WHOLE LIFE.* RUNNING A SORORITY. SISTERS.

ALTHOUGH HER MOTHER IS *INSUFFERABLE.* I'LL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT HER...

...BUT DON'T WORRY. I'LL VISIT *EVERY WEEK.* I PROMISE.

AND YOUR *BIRTHDAY'S* COMING UP NEXT MONTH! I'LL BRING YOUR *FAVORITE...*

RED VELVET CUPCAKES.

I MEAN IT. I WON'T LET *ANYTHING* COME *BETWEEN* US EVER AGAIN.

YOU'LL ALWAYS BE MY *BEST FRIEND*, SOPH.

END

BONUS PAGES

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YOU'LL MEET A **GRANDMOTHER**, A **MOTHER**, AND A **DAUGHTER**-- EACH, IN THEIR OWN WAY, ENTANGLED IN THE HAND-ME-DOWN OBSESSION OF **WEIGHT**, **WORTH**, AND THE **SILENT JUDGMENT** THAT ECHOES WITHIN US ALL.

AHMNMNM

GLUG GLUG GLUG GLUG

WHAT **IS** THE PRICE THEY'LL PAY TO SILENCE IT? THAT'S A QUESTION ONLY ANSWERED HERE...BECAUSE WHEN IT COMES TO OUR VICTIMS' POINTS OF VIEW...

It HAPPENED ON HYDE STREET

WHAT DO WE HAVE *HERE?*

FAT FREE

FAT FREE

Grand Opening

Come In We're OPEN

RESTAURANT Bakery

MUST BE NEW.

DINGALINGLING

Come in We're OPEN

COME ON IN! I DON'T *BITE.*

OH, I JUST HAPPENED TO WALK BY YOUR STORE...NO HARM IN TAKING A PEEK, I SUPPOSE. BUT I REALLY SHOULDN'T STAY.

NO NEED TO BE SHY. YOU CAN CALL ME *MISS GOODBODY.* I'M HERE TO *HELP.*

YOU LOOK LIKE YOU COULD USE A WORKOUT VHS OR TWO. THEY'LL WHIP YOU RIGHT INTO SHAPE.

Body by Tab

THANKS FOR THE OFFER, BUT NOTHING WORKS FOR ME.

NOT SINCE I HAD MY *DAUGHTER,* ANYWAY.

BURN THAT FAT

YOU'RE ONLY *HUMAN,* STRUGGLE IS TO BE EXPECTED.

SHAPE O

HOW ABOUT ONE OF OUR *COOKBOOKS?*

YOU'LL BE SHEDDING POUNDS BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.

NO, NO, I'M ALL SET.

NOT SURE WHY I CAME IN.

DIET & EXERCISE

BECAUSE YOU WANT TO BE *THIN* AND *BEAUTIFUL*. DON'T YOU?

Fiber

I... I...DO.

I ACTUALLY HAVE *JUST* THE THING! SOMETHING *SPECIAL* FOR THOSE MORE *DIFFICULT* CASES.

WE DON'T USUALLY SELL IT, BUT FOR *YOU*, I CAN MAKE AN *EXCEPTION.*

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PATRICIA?

KLNK

PATRICIA!

KSHH

GET DOWN FROM THERE THIS INSTANT.

I WAS JUST TRYING TO GET...

COOKIES!

WHY DO YOU PUT THE SWEETS SO HIGH?

SO YOU DON'T GET FAT LIKE YOUR MOTHER.

BUT, MOMMY, YOU'RE NOT FAT.

DADDY ALWAYS SAID HOW BEAUTIFUL YOU ARE.

WELL, WITHOUT YOUR FATHER AROUND...I'M NOT SURE THERE'S ANYONE WHO *BELIEVES* THAT ANYMORE.

I BELIEVE IT.

ONE OF THESE DAYS, MOMMY WILL FINALLY LOSE THIS WEIGHT.

NOW PROMISE ME YOU'LL STAY AWAY FROM THE COOKIES?

OKAY, OKAY.

GOOD GIRL.

"LIFT THAT WEIGHT UP HIGH."

THAT'S RIGHT! AS HIGH AS YOU CAN. LET'S TONE THAT BODY.

NOW PUMP IT, AND PUMP IT, AND PUMP IT. AND AGAIN.

YOU'RE DOING GREAT!

Slim & Fit

DON'T YOU FEEL THE FAT JUST BURNING OFF?

Ugh.

I BELIEVE IN YOU!

Slim & Fit

DON'T GIVE UP! JUST FIVE MORE SECONDS.

...FOUR...

...THREE...

...TWO...

...ONE...

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Sighhhh...

HNNNNN...

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POP

OH--!

TODAY

IT'S A BIT... TIGHT.

THIS IS USUALLY MY SIZE.

Mm. YEAH. WEDDING DRESS SIZES ARE A LITTLE DIFFERENT.

SMALLER, RIGHT? YOU MEAN SMALLER, I HOPE.

AH!

YOU WANT THEM TO SEE, DON'T YOU?

SO WHAT DO *MOM* AND *GRANDMA* THINK?

WOW, LILY, SWEETIE, THAT DRESS--

La Vie en Rose

IS CLEARLY FAR TOO TIGHT.

MOM.

WHAT? YOU WANT ME TO LIE TO THE GIRL?

WHY DO YOU PUT THE SWEETS SO HIGH?

Giggle

SO YOU DON'T GET FAT LIKE YOUR MOTHER.

THEN SHE'LL TRY ON ANOTHER DRESS.

THE DRESS ISN'T THE PROBLEM.

I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT AN *AMAZING* WOMAN YOU'VE BECOME. MY DAUGHTER FINALLY GETTING MARRIED.

BEFORE MIGUEL, I WASN'T SURE IT WOULD EVER HAPPEN, BUT HERE WE ARE.

SHOCKING, ISN'T IT?

IT'S CALLED *SARCASM*, MOM. YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO AGREE WITH ME.

NOW WHAT DO WE THINK OF *THIS* DRESS?

I LIKE IT, BUT IT'S A LITTLE HARD TO IMAGINE WHEN IT DOESN'T BUTTON ALL THE WAY.

I KNOW... IT'S JUST BETWEEN TEACHING AND WEDDING PLANNING, I'VE BEEN A LITTLE BUSY...

SO BUSY YOU HAVEN'T BEEN WATCHING YOUR EATING?

I GUESS NOT.

NO.

YOU KNOW, THERE'S STILL A FEW MONTHS BEFORE THE BIG DAY. IF YOU SET YOUR MIND TO IT, YOU COULD PROBABLY LOSE A FEW POUNDS. IT WOULD MAKE ANY DRESS LOOK THAT MUCH BETTER.

YOU CAN ALWAYS GET BACK ON TRACK IF YOU *WANT* TO.

REMEMBER...

"...THOSE PHOTOS LAST *FOREVER.*"

SHE WAS PRACTICALLY *POURING* OUT OF THAT DRESS, PATRICIA.

I SPOKE WITH HER. GIVE HER A CHANCE. SHE MIGHT SURPRISE US.

SHE'LL HAVE TO STOP EATING *YESTERDAY* TO GET WHERE SHE NEEDS TO BE.

WHAT AM I GONNA DO ABOUT YOU?

EATING JOURNAL.
100 days until my wedding.

Diet starts tomorrow.

94 days until my wedding.

Less than a week in and I'm already on the verge of committing murder for a french fry.

ZZZNK

But I know what I have to do.

So for now it's just carrots and almonds and pears...oh my.

ZNK ZNK ZNK

86 days until my wedding.

Every moment may make me feel like I'm going to die...

But the longer I run, the faster I lose weight.

And maybe if I learn to run fast enough, I can even escape my self-deprecating thoughts.

71 days until my wedding.

It's been so long since I weighed myself.

I figured if I avoided it long enough, maybe I wouldn't have to acknowledge that I've gained 30 pounds since the last time I felt even semi-comfortable in my body.

But THIS is what I've been KILLING myself for.

The LOSING phase.

And it's the BEST feeling in the world.

"HONEY, HAVE YOU LOST WEIGHT?"

62 days until my wedding.

JUST A FEW POUNDS.

A FEW MORE AND YOU'LL BE WEDDING-READY.

CONGRATULATIONS, SWEETIE. NOW GO ENJOY YOUR PARTY.

At eleven years old, I went on my first diet.

BRIDE TO BE

HAPPY BRIDAL SHOWER, GORGEOUS!

LOOKING GOOD, LIL!

YOU LOOK STUNNING!

THANKS, I'M ON A DIET.

It's always been sold to me as the antidote to HATING myself.

But somehow the weight never stays off.

This time has to be DIFFERENT. This time, I'm NOT going to fall for the trap...

...of FOOD.

Don't DO it...

Don't NEED it...

Don't even WANT it...

What the hell is wrong with me?

GRMM NMMM NMM GRM NMM NMMM HMM

GREAT AUNT SHERI...?

ARE YOU... OKAY?

GRGL GRGLL

CAN'T YOU SEE I'M STARVING?!

SHERI, YOU *STOP* THAT BEHAVIOR *IMMEDIATELY*. YOU ARE IN *PUBLIC*.

THWACK

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO *LIVE* LIKE THIS?

SELF-*CONTROL* AND SELF-*RESPECT*. IT WORKS FOR THE *REST* OF US.

ARE THEY... ARE THEY LOOKING AT ME?

OH, I'M SO EMBARRASSED.

NOW NOW, YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE BETTER *CARE* OF YOURSELF, DEAR.

YES, OF COURSE. IT WAS MY MISTAKE.

YOU JUST LOST YOUR *SENSES.*

OW. YOU'RE *HURTING* ME.

WHAT IN THE WORLD...?

"*SOMETHING* HAS TO BE *DONE.*"

WAS IT *REALLY* THAT *BAD*, MOM?

I SAW LILY EATING A *CRACKER.* WITH *CHEESE.*

RIGHT BEFORE I NOTICED SHERI GORGING. *DESPICABLE.*

ARE THERE ANY HORS D'OEUVRES LEFT?

I THINK THEY ALL GOT EATEN.

LILY *DID* LOSE A COUPLE POUNDS, THAT'S NOT *NOTHING.*

AND SHE'LL GAIN IT ALL *BACK. YOU'LL* SEE. IT *ALWAYS* HAPPENS THAT WAY.

PIGS.

YOU WERE LIKE HER TOO, ONCE UPON A TIME.

PLEASE DON'T REMIND ME.

DIDN'T I HELP YOU?

YES. BUT IT'S DANGEROUS. IF SHE CAN DO IT ON HER OWN--

SO UNAPPRECIATIVE. DON'T BECOME MY SISTER, PATRICIA.

OF COURSE NOT. I DO APPRECIATE YOU, MOM.

THEN NO MORE DELAYING.

LET'S HELP LILY BE SKINNY...

...LIKE US.

57 days until my wedding.

DOES IT CLOSE?

I'M AFRAID IT'S STILL TOO SMALL, DEAR.

I WAS REALLY HOPING THE DRESS WOULD FIT BY NOW.

I have no one to blame but MYSELF.

WHAT AM I GONNA DO, GRANDMA?

How did I let it get this BAD?

At this rate, I'll be walking down the aisle in a white TRASH BAG.

Maybe that's what I DESERVE...

IT MAY TAKE A MIRACLE, BUT I JUST MIGHT KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP.

DINGA LING LING

Come in We're OPEN

COME ON IN!

I DON'T BITE.

GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, MISS GOODBODY.

BERNICE! BACK AGAIN?

I SEE OUR PRODUCTS ARE STILL WORKING WONDERS.

BETTER THAN EVER.

WE'RE HERE FOR MY GRANDDAUGHTER. SHE'S GETTING MARRIED SOON. I THOUGHT WE COULD GIVE HER A HAND WITH SOMETHING *EXTRA SPECIAL* FOR HER BIG DAY.

WHAT *IS* THIS PLACE?

THE *SOLUTION* TO ALL OF YOUR *PROBLEMS.*

I'M SURE WE HAVE THE *PERFECT* THING TO SLIM YOU DOWN IN TIME FOR THE WEDDING.

IT'S LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AWAY.

WITH THE *RIGHT* PRODUCT, THAT'S *MORE* THAN ENOUGH TIME.

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REALLY? AND YOU *USE* ALL THIS STUFF, GRANDMA?

IF IT *WORKS*, WHY NOT? BUT LET'S KEEP IT OUR LITTLE *SECRET*.

I SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT YOU HERE *SOONER*. YOUR MOTHER IS ALWAYS TELLING ME YOU CAN DO IT ON YOUR OWN. A BIT *DELUSIONAL*, THAT ONE.

AMERICA'S #1 DIET:

I *HAVE* BEEN *TRYING* REALLY HARD. I GUESS I JUST LET THINGS GET A LITTLE OUT OF HAND THIS PAST YEAR...MAYBE THE PAST TWO.

A LITTLE? YOU'VE *NEVER* BEEN WHAT I'D CALL *THIN*, DEAR, BUT THIS IS *WORSE* THAN YOUR USUAL FLUCTUATION.

YOU CAN LIE TO *YOURSELF* ALL YOU WANT, BUT THE REST OF US HAVE *EYES* OF OUR OWN.

IT'S NOT THAT *EASY*...

YOU THINK I DON'T *WANT* TO BE *SKINNIER*?

THE *PRESSURE* YOU PUT ON ME...IT'S NOT *HELPING*.

Apple Cider Vinegar

I'M SIMPLY BEING HONEST. BESIDES, WITHOUT A LITTLE *PRESSURE*, WHO KNOWS *HOW BIG* YOU'D BE BY NOW.

BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY. IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO *FIX* EVERYTHING.

HOW? THE ONLY *PROBLEM* YOU SEE IS MY *SIZE*.

WELL, YOU'RE A WONDERFUL WOMAN OTHER THAN *THAT*.

WE ALL NEED *HELP*, DEAR.

YOU'RE RIGHT...

BUT I DON'T THINK THE *HELP* I NEED IS IN SOME *QUICK-FIX* PRODUCT.

FREE

NOT WHEN THE *REAL* PROBLEM IS *ME*.

SHE'S *HOPELESS*. THIS COULD HAVE SOLVED *EVERYTHING* FOR HER.

MAYBE SHE *CAN* DO IT ON HER OWN.

BUT YOU KNOW, THAT'LL TAKE A LIFETIME.

SHE'LL *NEVER* BE *THIN* IN TIME FOR THE WEDDING.

I'm so TIRED. OF the criticism. OF the dieting...of MYSELF. Why does this have to be so damn HARD all the time?

When does it ever just...

...STOP?

EXCUSE ME, MISS...

...WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY SOME SCOUT COOKIES?

When I was a kid, my dad's love language was FOOD. It was one of the things that bonded us.

I learned how to eat From HIM.

And how to NOT eat From my mom.

To no one's surprise, dinner ended in DIVORCE.

I remember sneaking CARBS and CANDY for MONTHS after my dad was gone. Then my mom throwing out anything she could find before I was able eat it.

OH, YOU'RE SO SWEET. BUT I'M GOOD, THANK YOU.

GRGL GRGL

It HURT. More than I ever cared to admit.

Because somehow Food became both my SAVIOR and my ENEMY.

When all I really want food to be is...

...My FRIEND.

WOULD YOU LIKE ONE OF MY BIRTHDAY CUPCAKES, MISS LILY?

BIRTHDAY CUPCAKES? MY FAVORITE!

IT'S DELICIOUS.

AAAAHH!!!

GRGL GRGLW

LILY! YOU'RE IN DANGER.

GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN

GRRL GRRL

AUNT SHERI? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

AUNT SHERI!

AAHHH!

THUMP

NNNHH...

DON'T-- DON'T TRUST HER.

WHO?

DON'T TRUST YOUR GR-GRAND-MOTHER!

I HAD TO WARN YOU... IT'S BEEN--

WHY-- WHY NOT?

SHERI?

=GASP=

Girls just GRGLL

GRGLL

NnnnNHnnn--=

KA-THUMP

OH GOD.

SHERI!

1 2 3 4 6 7 8 9

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

43 days until my wedding.

Everything I was obsessing over feels INSIGNIFICANT in comparison.

And I'm down a GUEST.

STARVING...?

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE *CAUSE* WAS?

LOOKS LIKE SHE WAS *STARVING* HERSELF.

"I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE'S *GONE*..."

...AND THAT YOU HAD TO SEE HER LIKE THAT...I'M SO *SORRY*, HONEY.

I JUST DON'T *GET* IT. WHY WOULD SHE *STARVE* HERSELF?

DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH, LILY. YOU'VE GOT PLENTY ON YOUR MIND.

YOUR WEDDING COMING UP IN JUST OVER A MONTH AND NOW *THIS*. HOW *TERRIBLE*.

I'LL GO GET SOME TEA GOING. YOU JUST *RELAX*.

I COULD USE SOMETHING TO EAT, TOO.

MOM? DID YOU--

DID YOU *HEAR* THAT?

NM NMGRM NM NM GRM

NM NM GRMHRM HRM NM GRM

MOM?

MOM? YOU IN THERE?

GRM NM NM GRM GRM NM

NM NM GRM

HRM NM GRM

I'VE BEEN *WAITING.*

GAH!

W-WHAT--

THUMP

I HAVE TO SAY, I'M QUITE *DISAPPOINTED* IN YOU.

MOM? WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE-- GRANDMA--

I GAVE YOU EVERY POSSIBLE CHANCE TO LOSE THE WEIGHT ON YOUR OWN AND YOU FAILED.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE STRONGER THAN ME.

BUT YOU'RE NOT.

PLEASE TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON.

JUST LOOK AT YOU. NOT A SHRED OF WILLPOWER. I BELIEVED IN YOU, AND FOR WHAT?

I--I'M SORRY.

BUT I'M *MISERABLE*, MOM. MY *WEIGHT* IS *ALL* I *EVER* THINK ABOUT. BEING THIS CONCERNED WITH MY *SIZE*...IT CAN'T POSSIBLY LEAD TO *HAPPINESS*.

EVEN IF I AM *THINNER*.

OF *COURSE* IT DOES!

YOUR MOTHER AND I COULDN'T BE *HAPPIER*, DEAR.

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ALL YOU NEED IS ONE.

Devour

FOR A NEW YOU!

"I'M SO RELIEVED."

IT FITS LIKE A *GLOVE.*

I'VE NEVER LOOKED *BETTER.*

0 days until my wedding.

I can't believe the day is finally HERE.

I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU *MR.* AND *MRS.* *DELGADO.*

YOU MAY *KISS* THE *BRIDE.*

And all my ANXIETIES, all my WORRIES leading up to this, were for nothing. In this moment, I feel only JOY...

And a small little PARASITE eating away at my insides.

But that's a MINOR price to pay for BEAUTY.

WAAAH WAAAAH

A HEALTHY BABY GIRL.

WAHHH... WAHHWAHH

DOES MOM WANT TO HOLD HER?

WAHHHHH...

SHE'S PERFECT.

MY SWEET *DAUGHTER.*

YOU PICKED A *TOUGH* FAMILY TO BE BORN INTO.

BUT I'LL MAKE SURE YOU HAVE *NOTHING* TO WORRY ABOUT.

NOT YOUR GRANDMOTHER OR YOUR GREAT-GRANDMOTHER. NOT EVEN *SOCIETY.*

NO, YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO DEAL WITH ALL THAT *PRESSURE.*

:eh eh:

BECAUSE I'LL *FIX* IT ALL FOR YOU.

AND YOU'LL BE *HAPPY*, JUST LIKE *ME*.

EPILOGUE

"ROCK A BYE BABY..."

...ON THE TREE TOP.

WHEN THE WIND BLOWS THE CRADLE WILL ROCK.

SET FREE

You're a lifesaver. She'll thank you when she's older.
Forever in your debt,
Lily

WHEN THE BOUGH BEAKS THE CRADLE WILL FALL.

AND NOW YOU'RE *MINE*, BABY...

...CRADLE AND ALL.

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IN A WORLD WHERE THE BODY IS THE TEMPLE, **MISS GOODBODY** HAS DELIVERED YET ANOTHER SOUL INTO OUR **KEEPER'S** GRIP, BOUND BY THE SEDUCTIVE PROMISE OF AN **EFFORTLESS** TRANSFORMATION. VANITY PREVAILS, AS THE PURSUIT OF **APPEARANCE** ECLIPSES THE DEPTH OF CHARACTER, AND THE CHOICES MADE DAMN NOT ONLY YOURSELF, BUT THOSE AROUND YOU, **HERE**...ON

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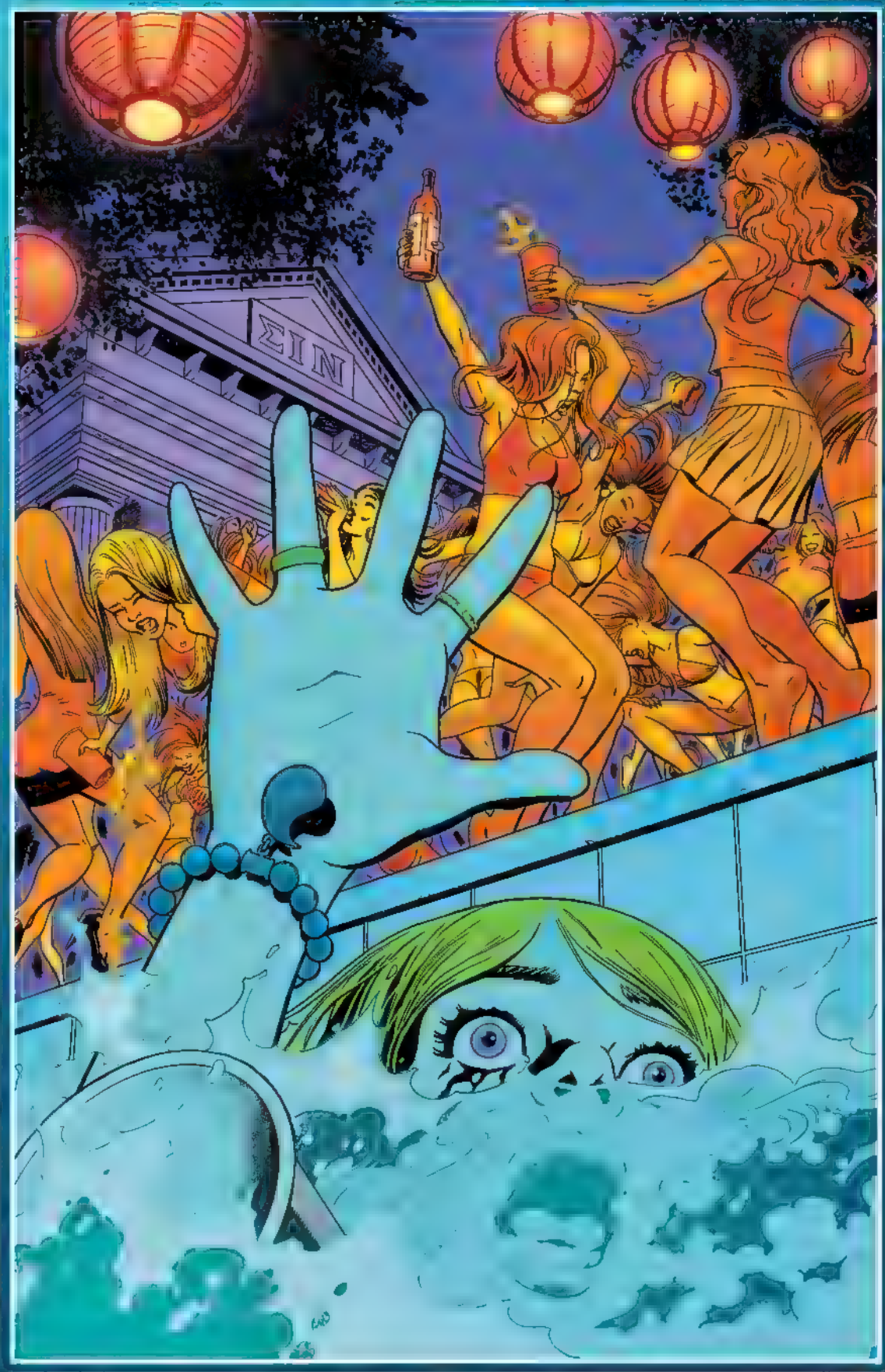

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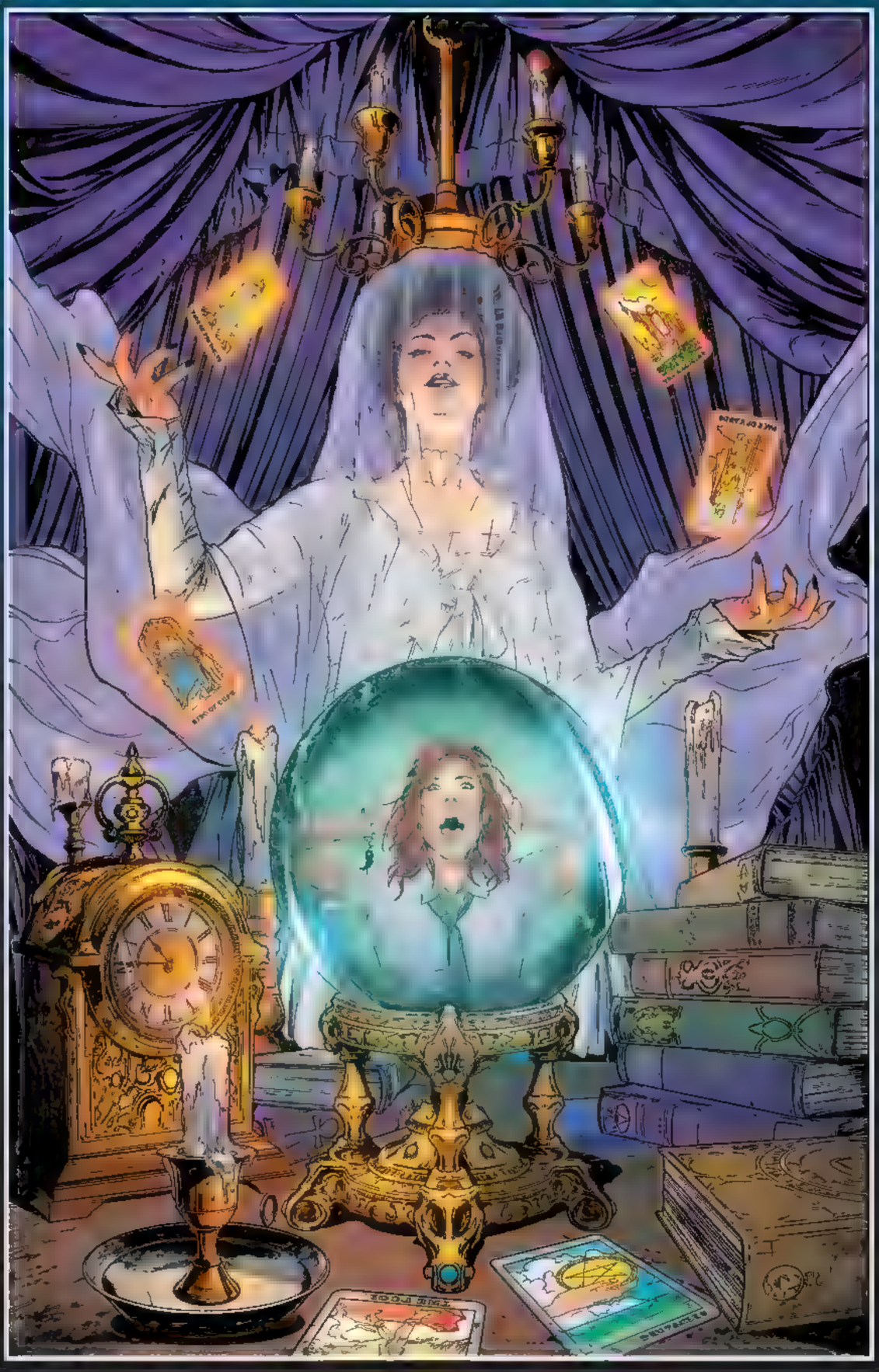

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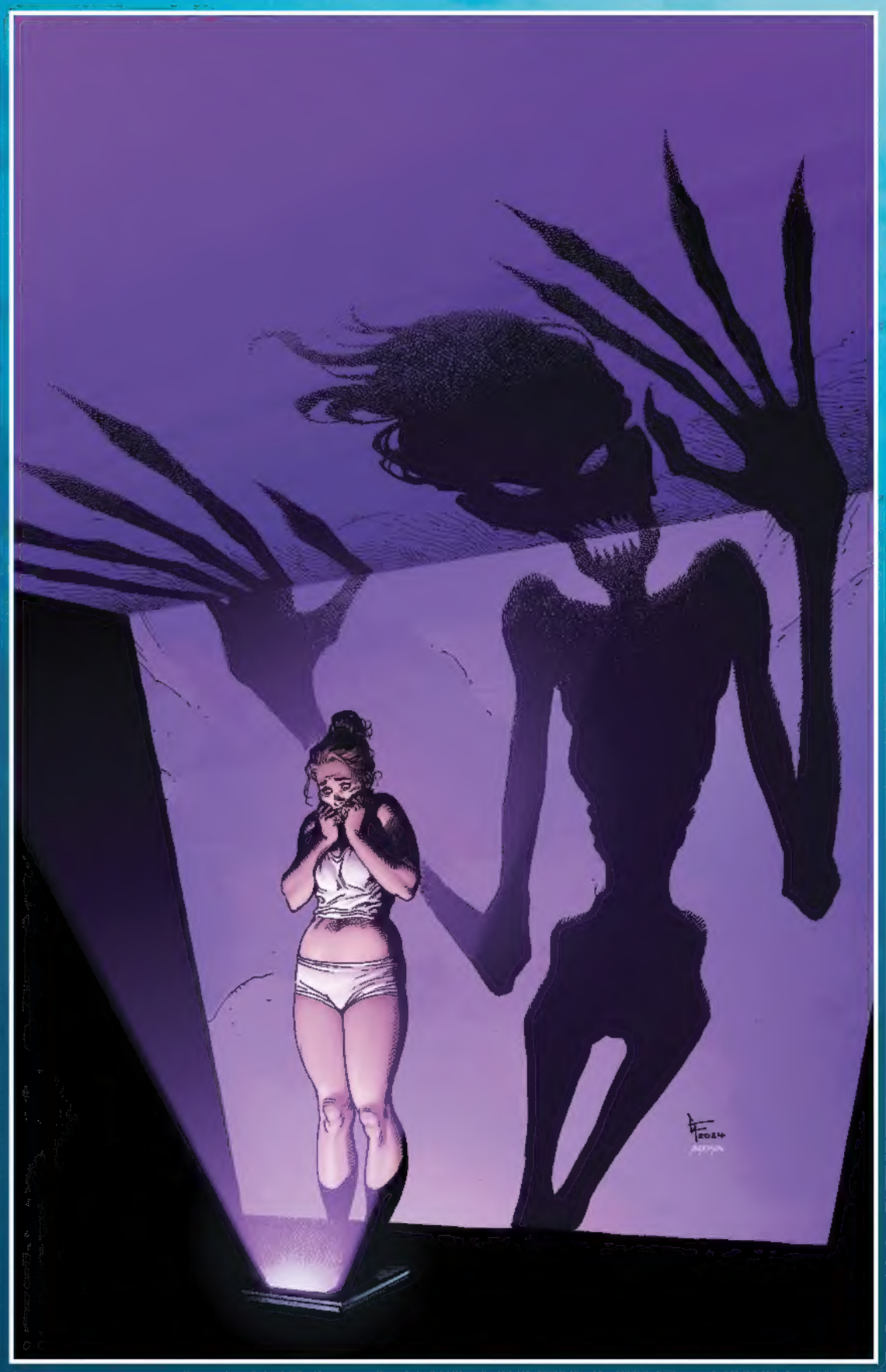

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DEATH KEEPS THEM TOGETHER... REVENGE WILL TEAR THEM APART!

Lifelong friends Sophie and Violet were practically sisters. Now at college, they've been slowly drifting apart. And when Violet drowns at a sorority hazing, a devastated Sophie pleads with the psychic **SISTER HOOD** to contact her dead friend.

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